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SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS

Topics of Interest Gathered From All Parts of Alabama.

OFFICER KIRKLEY'S MURDERERS CAUGHT

First Move of the Respondents in the University Land Sale--A New Railroad--Nominations in Montgomery County--Killed His Sister.

Senator Tillman to Speak in Birmingham. The dispensary advocates have arranged for Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, to speak at the auditorium in Birmingham on Monday night, April 9. Mr. Tillman will speak in advocacy of the dispensary and will not take any hand in the senatorship or governorship fight, so it is stated.

More Cotton Machinery. A large cotton gin mill will be established and operated in connection with the Alabama Cotton Oil Plant at Huntsville. The new gin mill includes ten 70-saw gins, and a round-bale compress, as well as a double rotary square bale press of standard dimensions.

First Move of Respondents. The first move of the Sloss-Sheffield Iron and Steel company, the respondents to the bill filed by the trustees of the State university for the setting aside of the lands recently sold to that company, has been made, a motion having been filed in the chancery court at Birmingham to dismiss the bill for want of equity. The motion will be taken up by Chancellor Carmichael Saturday, when arguments will be heard.

Kirkley's Murderer Captured. The police of Chattanooga Friday arrested a gang of eight crooks with the assistance of detective W. A. Disheroon and G. H. Bodeker, of Birmingham, three of whom have been positively identified by the latter officers as three of the gang implicated in the recent robberies of Birmingham, and in the shooting of Policemen Kirkley and Adams. Their names are Frank Duncan, John D. West and Tom Fay, and the Birmingham detectives are certain that West is the slayer of Policeman Kirkley.

A New Railroad. A petition for the incorporation of the Chattahoochee Valley railroad has been filed with the secretary of state. A number of Alabama and Massachusetts capitalists signed the petition. The subscribers desire to construct a railroad under the name of the Chattahoochee Valley Railroad company, the terminals in Alabama to be at some point in or about Lanett, in Chambers county, and in or near Phenix, in Lee county. The amount of the capital stock will be \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each.

Montgomery County Democrats. The work of the democratic committee of Montgomery county resulted in the following nominations: W. R. Waller, for sheriff; George W. Halls, for tax collector; A. H. Eubanks, for assessor; J. J. Cochran, for treasurer; J. A. Thompson, superintendent of education; W. H. Tice, coroner.

The convention ordered the county committee to rescind its action not to have a direct vote on all state officers.

This convention only acted on the county officers. The legislative candidates will be voted on April 14, when expression for United States senator will also be made.

Murderers Identified. A son of Mr. Patten Morrow, living in Mantua beat, Greene county, shot and killed his sister, a girl about 16 years old. It seems that the young lady was out doors and tried to get in at a door. The young man thought it was a burglar and after hailing and receiving no answer fired a shot-gun through the door, the whole charge striking his sister in the neck and fatally wounded her.

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BONES OF MASTODON FOUND

In a Cave Near Decatur, Together With a Lot of Prehistoric Curios.

Dr. J. Judson Barclay, late United States consul to Tangier, Morocco, who a few weeks ago discovered a cave up the river from New Decatur, near Talucah, which was supposed to have been the home of a gang of counterfeiters years ago, has just returned from another trip of investigation to the same cavern, and this time he reports one of the most remarkable finds in the way of prehistoric relics ever discovered in the United States. In the cavern, the doctor says, he found an entrance to a chamber which was not discovered at any of his previous visits. The entrance was almost completely blocked by stones and the accumulation of dust and rubbish of many centuries, and it was with the greatest difficulty and fatiguing exercise that he managed to work his way through the passage to a large unexplored chamber, measuring some 600 by 800 feet, and about 75 feet from the ground to the ceiling.

At the remotest extremity of this chamber were found all the bones of the largest mastodon which has ever been discovered in any part of the country of which there is any record. The skeleton will be shipped in to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., where it will be placed on exhibition.

The bones are in a state of excellent preservation and the skeleton is said to be the finest specimen ever found. In life the animal must have been twenty-five feet in height.

In another part of the chamber a great quantity of coins, gold and bronze ornaments, pottery and prehistoric instruments of war were also found.

The full extent of this wonderful cavern is yet unknown, but the doctor intends to continue his exploration, with the hope of throwing more light on the dark ages of pre-historic days.

Dispensary Question to Be Voted Upon. The democratic executive committee of Tuscaloosa county met Saturday to arrange the details of the election on April 14. The committee is nearly all composed of dispensary advocates. Instead of putting on the tickets "for or against dispensary," they voted with few exceptions to put on "dispensary or saloon." One of the exceptions is Henry A. Jones, who is chairman of the committee. He is a strong advocate of the dispensary, but he made a vigorous plea for fairness. "It would be just as fair to make the people vote for whiskey for dispensary or eternal damnation," said Mr. Jones. Many of the anti's are among Tuscaloosa's best citizens. Some of them are out and out prohibitionists, and the act of the committee has caused a war of indignation that has spread even to those favorable to dispensaries.

Murder and Robbery at Clinton. Saturday night two negroes entered the store of J. T. Sterling at Clinton, knocked the clerk, Thomas Buntain, on the head with an axe, and left him insensible on the floor. They then robbed the store, and finished the job by cutting Buntain's throat. His dead body was found Sunday morning. Two negroes have been arrested for the crime and are in jail at Eutaw, eight miles south of Clinton. One of them has been partially identified.

Morgan's Land Bill Passed. Senator Morgan Saturday secured the passage through the senate of a bill granting 25,000 acres of land to the Troy Normal school and the same amount to the negro school at Montgomery.

Fifty-three Candidates. The number of candidates who have entered for the Democratic primaries in Jefferson county now numbers fifty-three, and the amount of money which they have put up to cover the election and registration expenses exceeds two thousand dollars. General Selley and Colonel John W. Tomlinson are the only entries for Governor, which is taken to mean that Messrs. Stallings, Waller and Samford will not contest the county.

Brundidge Will Soon Have a New Bank. The president will be Mr. M. Lightfoot, a leading business man, who, with Tom Fay and John D. West, were brought in from Chattanooga Sunday.

Bates Released. Jim Bates, a farmer near Brushy Creek community, was tried at Gullman for the murder of his wife, whose lifeless body was found hanging in an outhouse near the Bates home. At first it was thought she committed suicide, but later there was suspicion of foul play and Bates was arrested. There was no evidence against him and he was released.

CHARLESTON EXPOSITION.

Interstate and West Indian Enterprise Projected For 1901.

At a mass meeting of the representative business men and merchants of Charleston, S. C., it was unanimously decided to hold the proposed South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition there during the autumn of 1901. Prominent men from all parts of the state were present and the big enterprise was launched amid great enthusiasm. It was announced that over a third of the capital stock of the exposition had been subscribed and assurances were given that the full amount would be forthcoming as soon as the public was given a chance to take the shares. The project has the hearty endorsement of the people of South Carolina and the general assembly has already given its sanction.

THE SUMNER DEPARTS.

Sixty Commissioned Officers and 752 Volunteers Leave For Manila.

The transport Sumner started on her voyage from New York to Manila with troops and supplies Saturday. Congressman Driggs, of Brooklyn, after making a thorough inspection of the transport, declared that the charges of extravagance and lavish expenditure of money on the Sumner are true. He declared that he would demand further investigation.

The 752 volunteers went on board about noon. The sixty commissioned officers were on the ship early in the morning. The vessel will touch first at Gibraltar and continue through the Suez canal, and arrive at Manila about June 25, it is expected.

Verdict for Separate Schools.

The jury in the case of Scott Bibb vs. the Mayor and City Council of Alton, Ill., known as the colored school case, brought in a verdict Saturday for the city. The case is a celebrated one and involves the question of separate schools for white and colored children. Bibb, who represented the colored people of Alton, charged that the colored children were excluded from the public schools. This is the third time the case has been tried in the circuit court. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

A Notable Gathering at Shiloh.

The forthcoming union of the veterans of the blue and the gray, to be held on the battlefield of Shiloh April 6 and 7 next, gives substantial promise of being one of the most fraternal and cordial gatherings of the surviving veterans of the great struggle between the north and the south that has yet taken place in the country. Preparations for the event are being rapidly put in shape.

Granted an Extension of Time. Secretary of State Hay and the Duke D'Arco, the Spanish Minister, have signed a protocol extending for six months the period of time allowed Spanish residents in the Philippine Islands to elect whether they shall remain Spanish subjects or surrender their allegiance and adopt the nationality of the territory in which they reside.

Killed in a Railroad Wreck. The Homosa train was wrecked by a head-end collision with a wrecking train near the Withlacoochee river in Florida. C. D. Colney, of Americus, Ga., was frightfully crushed, dying an hour later and the engineer, J. M. Benton, was severely injured.

Mississippi Democrats. C. C. Miller, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, of Mississippi has called a meeting of the Committee for Monday, April 30.

Public Hanging in the Philippines.

Meralas and Gonzales, who were found guilty of murdering a countryman, were publicly hanged Friday in the plaza in front of the church at San Carlos, province of Pangasinan, an officer of the Seventeenth Infantry presiding at the execution, which was witnessed by the principal citizens of the place.

Sandbagged in Nashville. W. Oscar Pickett was sandbagged and robbed in his stationary store in Nashville, Tenn., \$400, together with his gold watch and what change he carried in his pockets, being taken.

Boiler Explosion. The boiler of the Rutledge company's mill, at Pullman, Ark., exploded last Friday. John Smith, an employe, was killed, four others wounded and the mill wrecked.

A Steamer Sunk. The French steamer Georges Croise, bound to Cuba with cattle and eighty passengers, sunk outside Santo Domingo port. It is not known how many lives were saved.

WALKED INTO A TRAP.

Entire British Convoy Captured by the Boers.

THE LOSS OF LIFE WAS NOT LARGE

Convoy Arrived at a Deep Spruit Where Boers Were Concealed and Compelled to Surrender--Botha Succeeds Joubert.

A Sunday's cable message from South Africa says: The British force commanded by Colonel Broadwood, consisting of the Tenth Hussars, two horse batteries, and a force of mounted infantry, under Colonel Pilcher, which had been garrisoning Thaba Chu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night.

Colonel Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein water-works, south of the Modder, where he encamped at 4 this morning.

At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a near point. Colonel Broadwood sent off a convoy with the batteries, while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard.

The convoy arrived at a deep spruit, where the Boers were concealed, and the entire body walked into ambush and was captured, together with six guns.

The loss of life was not great, since most of the British had walked into the trap before a shot was fired.

Botha Succeeds Joubert.

General Louis Botha has been appointed to succeed General Joubert as commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces.

FOUND TO CANNON.

Man of War Wreck Being Taken From Savannah River.

The dredge Babcock, at work in the river for the terminal of the Georgia and Alabama railway at Savannah, Ga., picked up two old type English cannon, in a man-of-war wreck it is pulling out nearly opposite the foot of Bull street. One gun weighs about 1,000 pounds and the other 850 pounds. The vessel is supposed to have been sunk at the time of the British occupation of the city, when the French allies sailed up the river to attack them. A number of cannon balls and several silver coins of a date of more than 100 years ago have also been taken out.

Gruesome Tragedy in Texas.

Near Crockett, Tex., while W. N. Oliver and J. A. Castling, brothers-in-law, and their wives, were sitting up with the corpse of E. M. Morehead, father-in-law of the men, the latter quarreled and Oliver was stabbed to death. Castling is in jail. The men are among the most prominent planters in southeastern Texas.

Grand Jury Takes Up Goebel Case

The convening of the April term of the Franklin circuit court in Frankfort, Ky., Monday, with Judge Cantrill sitting, marks the beginning of the final proceedings against the alleged assassin of the late Governor Goebel, and on this account makes it the most important in the history of criminal trials in Kentucky.

Pana Surrenders.

The Chinese General, Pana, who has been terrorizing and devastating the province of Panay, has surrendered at Legaspi to Brigadier-General Kobbe, who is taking him to Manila.

Ladies Raising Goebel Fund.

Mrs. Gray Cromwell, Secretary of the Ladies' Goebel Monument Fund Committee, estimates that \$10,000 has been raised by the ladies in the various counties for the monument fund so far. The subscription books will not be closed for two months, by which time the ladies' committee expects to have raised \$50,000.

Ex-Senator Gibson Dead.

Ex-United States Senator Charles Gibson, of Maryland, died Saturday morning from heart disease, at the residence of his brother, Lieutenant Gibson, of the navy, in Washington.

Expert Agent Appointed.

The director of the census has appointed Alce Bouchereau of New Orleans special expert agent to collect statistics of the sugar industry in the southern states.

Delagoa Bay Award.

According to the Delagoa Bay railroad award the Portuguese government is condemned to pay 15,814,000 francs.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The briefs on both sides in the Clark investigation were submitted to the Senate Committee.

The new Philippine Commission held its first meeting in Washington.

The President decided the controversy over possession of the Tortugas in favor of the Navy.

Rear-Admiral Benjamin F. Day voluntarily applied for retirement from the active list of the Navy, and his name was placed on the retired list.

The official correspondence in regard to the "open door" in China, with copies of the replies made by the Powers to the invitation of the United States, was sent to Congress by Secretary Hay.

During the month of April seventy-three additional postoffices will inaugurate the system of registering letters by carriers.

Opinion in official circles is that only a strong naval demonstration in the Orient can cause the United States to maintain the "open door" in China.

Secretary Hay says he does not expect the American-Canadian Commission to reassemble soon.

Commander Edward Taussig is to be sent to Manila in April to take command of the gunboat Yorktown, in place of Commander Sperry.

The President has issued exequaturs to forty-four Consular officers representing foreign Governments in the United States, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

It was shown in a House debate that the mails are carrying "opium" at one cent a pound, whereas Bibles pay eight cents.

Secretary Root announced that all applications for Cape Nome gold-dredging permits would be granted.

Our Adopted Islands.

The Senate Commission in Cuba sailed from Havana for the United States.

Philippines planned in February, 1898, to fight the United States if independence was not granted.

A further reduction of the army of occupation in Cuba will be made shortly.

The mother of Aguinaldo is still under guard in Manila. She is not permitted to hold communication with the people of her country.

Governor-General Wool is considering the advisability of taxing the idle estates of Cubans living in Paris, London and Madrid, so as to make their owners bring them into cultivation or sell them to men who will cultivate them.

General Hughes reports the natives of Panay, P. I., to be restless and further campaigning against them will be necessary.

A complete financial statement of the Cuban Treasury, showed a total balance on February 28 of \$2,944,754.

Prominent New Yorkers are preparing to build two modern and palatial hotels in Havana for the accommodation of the many tourists who visit Cuba in the winter.

Domestic.

Twenty-four of the smaller corporations operating franchises in Greater New York were valued at \$17,000,000 by the State Tax Commission.

It has been practically settled that Philadelphia will give only \$75,000, instead of the \$100,000 pledged, to the National Republican Committee for the convention.

The Vanderbilt and New York Railroads have issued orders prohibiting the Union News Company from selling "Sapho" on its trains or in the stations along its route.

The finding of a deep gash in the head of William Henderson, of Brooklyn, who died in Florida, and whose death was ascribed to heart disease, has aroused suspicion, and an investigation is to be made.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Kentucky is carrying out its threat to move its important interests from the State because of the political war against the corporation.

Don Davis, Assistant Postmaster at Memphis, Tenn., quit his Government job in disgust. A few days ago he was called to the telephone. He left the safe open and a robber stole a large sum including Davis's savings for a year or more and \$50 of Government money, which Davis made good.

Charles H. Knight, of Exeter, N. H., assigned of the Epping Savings Bank, offers to pay fifty per cent. to all depositors who will take it in such of the bank's securities as they may select, at their face value, with interest at 8 per cent.

Three firemen were drowned while fighting the blaze which destroyed a large factory building in New York City.

Damage from an ice gorge, just broken in the Raisin River, at Monroe, Mich., is estimated at \$500,000.

J. B. Seewitz, a young artist at Kenosha, Wis., has fallen heir to \$500,000, left by an uncle in India.

Nearly two hundred Russians arrived in Philadelphia. They are said to be people are fleeing from the cruelty of Russia's Czar.

The transport Sumner sailed from New York City for the Philippines, having on board more than a thousand cavalry, infantry and artillery recruits, and a large number of civilians.

A lady in Philadelphia has given \$5000 to Booker T. Washington to add to the endowment fund of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala. The name of the donor has not been announced.

The Democratic Governor of Kentucky summoned troops to Frankfort to preserve the peace during the trial of the prisoners accused of being implicated in the killing of Goebel.

Irish opposition to pro-British sentiment has resulted in the dropping of the English history from the list of books for supplementary reading in Chicago public schools.

Foreign.

The National Liberal Association of Great Britain at its annual meeting protested against destroying two free and independent nations, the Orange Free State and the South African Republic.

Colonel Baden-Powell has armed the natives at Mafeking and sent them against the Boer positions.

The affairs of Chief Clarence, of the Mosquito territory, the pensioner of the British Government, who has been sued for debt, have assumed such an acute stage that he has appealed to the Government for assistance.

Mrs. Steyn, the wife of the President of the Orange Free State, has been in Scotland since last summer.

The German Reichstag has asked the Bundesrat to amend the constitution so as to permit members to receive a salary.

Nicaragua is preparing for war with Costa Rica. Salvador will side with Costa Rica in the event of hostilities.

The Jamaican Legislative Council appropriated \$3,500,000 to cover Government expenses during the current year. The people are greatly distressed.

Serious disturbances are reported from the northern part of China; a Russian fleet has arrived at Urumqi, and the English cruiser Terrible has left Durban for Chinese waters.

A British punitive expedition against "head hunters" in the Pacific resulted in the capture of a number of cannibals.

GENERAL JOUBERT DEAD.

Transvaal Commander-in-Chief Succumbs to Disease at Pretoria.

He Organized the Army of the South African Republic and Inflicted Many Defeats on the British.

PRETORIA, Via Lorenzo Marques (By Cable).—Piet Joubert, Vice-President of the Transvaal and Commander-General of the Republic's military forces, died at the age of sixty-eight years and sixty days. He succumbed to an attack of acute inflammation of the kidneys after a short illness.

The whole country is thrown into the deepest gloom by his death. His loss is believed to be irreplaceable.

The body was taken to the Wakkerstroom district, where it was interred in the family cemetery on a farm he owned there.

CAREER OF GENERAL JOUBERT.

His Military Genius Made Possible the Boer Victories Over the British.

Petrus Jacobus Joubert, better known as General Piet Joubert, was born in Cape Colony and was of Huguenot and Dutch descent. When he was seven years old his parents moved to the Orange Free State, where he received his training as a hunter and his experience in fighting the natives, which fitted him for his work as commander of the Boer army. It is said that he never saw a newspaper until he was nineteen years old, but he obtained a few books on history and languages, which he studied diligently and to great advantage. He was sometimes called "Slim Piet," or Shrewd Peter.

The crowning feat of General Joubert's career was Majuba Hill, which resulted in the practical independence of the Boers, though the suzerainty of Great Britain was still maintained.

Afterward, in 1884, the man of force exhibited the uncompromising honesty of his character by threatening to resign unless the burghers abandoned their plan to raid British territory. He said:

"I positively refuse to hold office under a Government that deliberately breaks its covenants, and we have made covenants with England."

Joubert fought in the native wars when Paul Kruger was Commander, and these two became bosom friends. Joubert several times came within a few votes of beating Oom Paul for the Presidency. He held different views from Kruger. He believed that if the franchise were given to the colored people, they would become good citizens, and that this was the way to solve the problem. At the same time he did not sanction any sort of a revolt, and when the Jameson raiders landed safely in Pretoria just he was one who favored shooting them. Kruger argued with him on this point and finally won him over. Joubert made a masterly speech to the burghers which persuaded them to turn the prisoners over to the British.

Joubert was a prudent and far-sighted general. The beginning of the present war found the South African republics fortified with immense stores of provisions and munitions. The army was organized on Joubert's plan in a manner that required the sending of only seventeen detachments to put the whole nation under arms in forty-eight hours. He divided the country into seventeen military departments, and each of these into smaller divisions with commanders, field cornets and lieutenants in charge. Every farmer had his equipment always ready and became a trained soldier without leaving his home.

Although Joubert was not Kruger's equal in diplomacy or in political strength, his rights and command were never disputed, and he was credited with the success of the Boers in the present war. Of late there had been some rumors of dissatisfaction with his plans, but they were probably due to his retirement from the field which, it was plain, was due to sickness. He was wounded once in the recent fighting in Natal and had several times been reported dead.

FARMERS MOVE WESTWARD.

Special Trains Carry Hundreds Through Chicago to the Dakotas.

CHICAGO (Special).—Journeying from rented farms in Illinois and the States east of here to lands in the wheat belt of the Dakotas, 1500 Americans, farmers, farmers' wives, and farmers' sons and daughters have passed through Chicago a few days ago.

They came in on special trains from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, and went northwest over the Wisconsin Central in the same trains. From that road they were transferred to the Great Northern to St. Paul, and over the many went to the Devil's Lake, Turtle Mountain and Mouse River districts of North Dakota.

Many tourists and many more were required for their conveyance, and eighty carloads of household furniture accompanied them. This is the largest "moving party" ever organized by the Great Northern Railway, and is said to be the greatest conducted by any road in the country.

Doctor Fell and Broke His Neck.

Dr. Paul A. Stakepole, the oldest medical practitioner in New Hampshire, was found dead at Dover at the foot of a flight of stairs, down which he had fallen and broken his neck. Dr. Stakepole occupied an apartment alone. He was eighty-six years of age, and had been practicing medicine since 1842.

Thirty Sailors Drowned.

The coasting steamer Glenisla foundered during a gale off the Gippsland coast in Australian waters. Out of a ship's company of thirty-three only three were saved.

GUAM TO BE FORTIFIED.

Island is Considered Not Less Strategical Than Hawaii.

Naval Base and a Coaling Station Planned at a Cost of Several Millions For Our Pacific Possession.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The naval authorities have decided that Guam strategically is of scarcely less value than Hawaii, and have begun the preparation of plans to make it one of the most important naval bases on the Pacific. The projected improvements will involve an expenditure of several millions for a break-water at Port San Luis d'Apra, a coaling wharf and repair shops, and shore batteries for protection against assault.

The Department has just received complete surveys of the harbor and part of the island with exhaustive soundings at the port, and is making an accurate chart to be used in laying down the public works. The project will be perfected by a board to sit in Washington, and an advisory board may be convened at Guam to furnish additional information.

Rear-Admiral Henry and Knapp will also visit Guam and make reports before construction work begins.

It is proposed to erect on one side of the harbor of Port San Luis d'Apra a coalshed and wharf of twenty thousand tons capacity, with automatic loading machinery, duplicated on the east end, now being completed at Dry Tortugas. The immediate necessity for this is shown by the fact that all naval vessels bound across the Pacific are compelled to call for coal at Guam, none of them being able to make Manila or Hong Kong after leaving Honolulu with full bunkers, except through the exercise of extreme economy and the maintenance of their lowest speed.

The army transport service has found that a whole day can be saved on the voyage to Manila by running faster and recalling at Guam, and these ships will stop there regularly as soon as rapid coaling facilities are provided by the Navy.

General Joseph Wheeler, who visited Guam on his way home from the Philippines, reported strongly in favor of making the most of the outpost possession. It occupies the same position relative to the China coast that Bermuda does to the Atlantic seaboard of the United States. It is 1500 miles from Manila, 1825 miles from Hong Kong, 1700 miles from Shanghai and 1312 miles from Yokohama. It is much nearer Northern China and Japan than is Manila, with the advantage of being in the direct route from the East to Honolulu and San Francisco.

DR. HILLIS ACCUSED OF HERESY. Pastor of Plymouth Church Sends His Resignation to the Chicago Presbytery.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—The Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, has sent his resignation to the Chicago Presbytery.

This action was taken by him as a result of the charges of heresy and misrepresentation of the creed.

The heresy charges are based on Rev. Mr. Hillis' sermon on the subject of the ordination clause of the Presbyterian creed, that he would not lack earnest prosecutors, in the event of a trial, is shown by the utterances of prominent Presbyterian divines.

BONDS FOR COUNTRY BANKS.

The Heavy Demand For Them May Continue For Several Weeks.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Heavy demands for Government bonds reported from interior points indicate that country banks have not yet supplied themselves with all the convertible issues desired as a basis for additional circulation. The Vice-President of a bank having hundreds of out-of-town correspondents predicted that interior institutions would be heard from with bond orders for two months to come.

His bank is overrun with requests from country correspondents and the work of figuring out profit and loss in bond transfers for small banks adds materially to the labor of those in charge of out-of-town accounts.

BATTLE WITH CHINESE "BOXERS."

The Anti-Foreign Rebels Engage the Imperial Troops in Pechili Province.

PEKING, China (By Cable).—An engagement has been fought between the Imperial troops and the rebellious "Boxers." The result was not decisive. The casualties on both sides were heavy.

The engagement took place at Yen-Chih in the province of Pechili. About fifteen hundred men were engaged on each side.

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COLUMBIANA, APRIL 5, 1900.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the lower House of the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Populist primary of Shelby county, Alabama, to be held April 28th, 1900. I shall make the race on the following platform, to-wit: I am for honest elections, I am an uncompromising middle of the road Populist. I favor honest co-operation with other parties. I am opposed specially to the stock law as enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am opposed to the road law enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am in favor of a dispensary for all incorporated towns and cities, under the proper control of the county commissioners court. I am in favor of better public schools and higher terms in the country districts. I am in favor of low taxes. That only enough be levied to meet the requirements of the government, economically administered.

Respectfully,
B. W. BRAND.

We the undersigned hereby announce the candidacy of G. B. Deans for representative in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Populist primary of Shelby county, Alabama, to be held April 28th, 1900: J. T. Finley, beat 1 J. H. Mason, beat 1 A. F. Carden, " 8 T. B. Holcomb, " 8 E. J. Gilbert, " 8 J. E. Blackley, " 8 J. T. Wilder, " 8 J. T. Wilder, " 8 J. L. Gardner, " 8 L. W. Cheser, " 8 J. W. Sewel, " 11 W. M. Allen, " 12 Sol Adams, " 16 D. Spearman, " 9 W. A. Stone, " 9 W. B. Morgan, " 1

We the undersigned hereby endorse the candidacy of Hon. G. B. Deans and ask him to make the race for representative.

Beat.	Beat.
J. F. Hill, 9	J. W. Spearman, 9
G. W. Lowery, 9	F. M. McEwen, 9
J. T. Jackson, 9	F. Farmer Bridges, 9
J. T. McEwen, 9	J. E. Jackson, 9
M. M. Robertson, 10	

FOR SHERIFF.

The Advocate is authorized to announce Henry W. Parker as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce James S. Vest as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28th.

R. F. COX.

The friends of W. D. Lacey announce him as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce W. A. Tallant as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce L. J. Carden for Treasurer of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary election to be held on the 28th day of April, 1900.

Jno. S. PIRRS.

We are authorized to announce M. S. Wilson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The Advocate is authorized to announce J. M. Crenshaw for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce L. R. Kendrick for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce H. L. D. Phillips for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce E. T. Brasher as a candidate for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Populist primary to be held April 28, 1900.

Boss Hanna is probably prepared to furnish Eugene Debs any campaign funds he may need.

Tom Reed's faults were many and glaring, but he never failed to support them with unbending backbone.

Senator Spooner has reason to know that Senator Tillman's pitchfork possesses all of its original irritating qualities.

Senator Frye is being overworked by the pushers of the ship-subsidy job. Is there no other Senator willing to publicly defend the job?

President Kruger is sending delegates to the United States to appeal for action that will prevent the wiping out of two South African republics is wasting good money. McKinley will do nothing that is not sanctioned by England.

A Card.

Editor of The Advocate.—I see by The Advocate of March 22nd and also of March 29th, that many good and worthy citizens of Shelby county have called on me to make the race for Representative in the lower house of the General Assembly, and have in effect and in fact announced me as a candidate for said place. I am not a candidate for any office, and it was my desire and intention to quietly, and as gracefully as possible, retire from public life and devote my energies to other avocations. But the people of Shelby county have in the past in no uncertain way honored me with their confidence, and no man in public life was ever prouder of his constituency than I. Under the circumstances, I can not refuse to serve my people if I am needed. I will say however, that if the people should decide to select some one more worthy to represent them, that I will in no way be disappointed or feel aggrieved.

G. B. DEANS.

It is time for Congress to look into the amount of salary paid such officials when Hon. A. P. Greeley, who has been the terror of crooked patent attorneys, resigns the office of Assistant Commissioner of Patents, to practice patent law in Washington, because his official salary was too small. Mr. Greeley was in the patent office sixteen years and is credited with being one of the best posted men in the country on patent laws.

Police officer J. H. Adams, of Birmingham, who was shot some time ago by some crooks in that city, died Tuesday night at 11:15 at the Hillman hospital. The wounded policeman with the aid of the physicians fought the grasp of death, but human power is limited, and for the last few days it was given up that the officer could not survive. Before his death he was able to identify the men who shot him and Kirtley.

M. P. Wessels, a citizen of the Orange Free State, who has large business interests there, said at a public meeting, in Baltimore: "I want to emphatically deny that there is anything like religious persecution of the Catholic, Jew or any other denomination in the Transvaal or the Free State." That disproves of numerous English fairy tales.

The astronomers of the United States are making extensive preparations for observing and photographing the total eclipse of the sun which occurs on the 28th of May. There will be one observational station in Georgia and one in South Alabama. The eclipse will be visible in our section of the state.

Tim Woodruff says he wants second place on the McKinley ticket, but will not scramble for it. He seems to think that he can get it by traveling in a parlor car, but would doubtless save money by having a talk with Hanna.

After reading of the throwing of dead cats, and other decayed things at the speakers at a peace meeting, in England, one may be excused for being a little skeptical about the much-vaulted superiority of England's civilization.

The Republican party is finding out that the American people will forgive any sort of a blunder in their rulers quicker than they will forgive wobbling on questions of importance.

Mr. Frick was perfectly willing to get his millions out of the steel consumers, instead of Andy Carnegie; and the formation of the Carnegie-Frick steel trust will enable him to turn the trick.

It might be inferred from the criticism in some quarters that the Nebraska Democrats did not have the right to make their own platform for the state campaign.

Gen. Otis has been indulging in the luxury—always expensive—of suppressing Manila newspapers, which printed matter he did not approve.

It seems that Andrew Carnegie's horror of dying rich did not prevent his becoming the head of the big steel trust, capitalized at \$160,000,000.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon succeeded in proving that a blue journal is quite as objectionable, in its way, as a yellow journal.

Campbranch Happenings.

Some of our farmers are beginning to plant corn and prepare cotton land for planting.

Newton Foust is still very sick.

Louis Mooney, of near your city, was in our parts again Sunday, much to the delight of one of our girls.

Emory Roach, his wife and one of their children are very sick.

L. B. Foust's little daughter has been very ill for the past few days.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, passed through our community last Thursday.

School has closed at this place and S. J. Jennings has moved back to Calera, his former home to write insurance.

Frank Butler, of Ebenezer, was in our parts Sunday, guess he was deer hunting.

We would advise Frank Satterwhite, of Saginaw, that it would be more prudent in him when he comes out in our community to escort one of our girls to church, to make an engagement prior to the time, so as not to get disappointed.

We would also advise Little Joe, of Longview, when he calls on us girls again not to be in such a hurry as he was last Monday night as he came very near causing his comrade to lose his hat as they left. That was bad in you little Joe!

BETTY.

Nelson Switch.

Mrs. J. C. Lyon is on the sick list this week.

We are glad to say that little May Mooney is improving very fast.

S. H. Smith and family spent a few days here with homefolks.

J. H. Mooney went to Irondale Sunday.

Miss Minnie McGiboney and Miss Daisy West visited friends and relatives at Wilsonville last week.

Mrs. Luddie Galaway was in our community Monday.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. Richardson, which occurred on last Sunday morning, about one o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Will Brady. She was the mother of Mr. David Richardson, a well known man of Shelby county. She leaves three children and a host of relatives to mourn her absence. We extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy.

Well boys, guess we all will have to stop going to Mr. Archer's until the measles dies down as he is quarantined against the world.

If you want a good case of measles call on Elma McGiboney near this place.

Say boys, all come out on the 28 and cast a vote for L. J. Carden for treasurer, and don't forget Jim Vest for sheriff. We must remember that he served as deputy sheriff under his father three years, and we can't doubt him being competent to fill the office, give him your vote and influence.

Success to the Advocate and its many readers.

ST. JOHN.

Weldon News.

John Cowart, of Coosa Valley, was in our town Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Norris, of Columbiana, was here Thursday last.

Michael Evans transacted business in your town Thursday.

Rev. R. A. Kidd, of Vincent, filled his regular appointment at Liberty Sunday.

D. W. Sharbutt has two very sick children at this writing.

Berry Spearman is visiting his sister in Montgomery.

Miss Fannie Hall is very ill at this writing.

H. H. Baldwin is in Columbiana this week, as a jurymen.

W. J. Sewell went to Columbiana last Thursday.

Hog Smith and family, of Columbiana, have moved to Sewells.

Satan pays in advance, God when the work is done.

WILD BILL.

It hurts the average man worse to change his mind than it does to break his heart.

THE ATLANTA DAILY CONSTITUTION

Now Running a Special Campaign Offer Only \$1.00.

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Corinth Snaps.

Mr. Editor allow me some space in the columns of your esteemed paper.

We are having some cool weather but think the fruit is not hurt.

The farmers are getting off slow about planting their crops.

Mrs. John Kirby has been on the sick list for some time, but glad to say she is improving.

H. B. Nabors wears a wide smile, it is a girl.

Mrs. Jennie Holcomb is a visitor to our vicinity, filling one of her errands of mercy, nursing the sick. (May it please God to give us more good Mrs. Holcombs.)

Miss Ida Kennedy has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. A. T. Leonard went to Columbiana Tuesday.

Lee Nabors went to Saginaw last Sunday deer hunting. Did you find her Lee?

Walter Ozley, of Longview, was in our vicinity Wednesday.

Dr. Fields is practicing in our vicinity now.

AUNT SOOKEY.

Didn't Need It.

"Broke up in business? Your best friend too! I presume that you feel as bad over it as he does."

"Yes, though I always advised him that he would lose everything he had in that bucketshop some day, if he kept on putting his money on the boards."

The principal time when a man shouldn't get married is when he is in love.

LOANS

I will undertake to negotiate loans in sums of \$300 to \$2000 on improved farm lands for three or five years. A number of farms in Shelby and St. Clair counties for sale or rent, \$8 on net cash, or \$10 on mortgage. Apply to J. L. WALTHALL, At Courthouse in Columbiana

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Will practice in all the courts of the State, and in the United States District Courts. Homestead entries made and perfected. All claims placed in his hands will receive prompt attention. Money to lend in amounts from \$10.00 to \$100.00 on gift-edge security.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Creations of Schedule in Effect Nov. 19 1899

No. 19	STATIONS	No. 20
6:00 am	Atlanta	7:00 pm
6:15 am	Decatur	7:15 pm
6:30 am	Lawrenceville	7:30 pm
6:45 am	Conley	7:45 pm
7:00 am	Union City	8:00 pm
7:15 am	Atlanta	8:15 pm

No. 21	STATIONS	No. 22
7:00 am	Atlanta	8:00 pm
7:15 am	Decatur	8:15 pm
7:30 am	Lawrenceville	8:30 pm
7:45 am	Conley	8:45 pm
8:00 am	Union City	9:00 pm
8:15 am	Atlanta	9:15 pm

No. 23	STATIONS	No. 24
8:00 am	Atlanta	9:00 pm
8:15 am	Decatur	9:15 pm
8:30 am	Lawrenceville	9:30 pm
8:45 am	Conley	9:45 pm
9:00 am	Union City	10:00 pm
9:15 am	Atlanta	10:15 pm

No. 25	STATIONS	No. 26
9:00 am	Atlanta	10:00 pm
9:15 am	Decatur	10:15 pm
9:30 am	Lawrenceville	10:30 pm
9:45 am	Conley	10:45 pm
10:00 am	Union City	11:00 pm
10:15 am	Atlanta	11:15 pm

No. 27	STATIONS	No. 28
10:00 am	Atlanta	11:00 pm
10:15 am	Decatur	11:15 pm
10:30 am	Lawrenceville	11:30 pm
10:45 am	Conley	11:45 pm
11:00 am	Union City	12:00 pm
11:15 am	Atlanta	12:15 pm

No. 29	STATIONS	No. 30
11:00 am	Atlanta	12:00 pm
11:15 am	Decatur	12:15 pm
11:30 am	Lawrenceville	12:30 pm
11:45 am	Conley	12:45 pm
12:00 pm	Union City	1:00 pm
12:15 pm	Atlanta	1:15 pm

No. 31	STATIONS	No. 32
12:00 pm	Atlanta	1:00 pm
12:15 pm	Decatur	1:15 pm
12:30 pm	Lawrenceville	1:30 pm
12:45 pm	Conley	1:45 pm
1:00 pm	Union City	2:00 pm
1:15 pm	Atlanta	2:15 pm

No. 33	STATIONS	No. 34
1:00 pm	Atlanta	2:00 pm
1:15 pm	Decatur	2:15 pm
1:30 pm	Lawrenceville	2:30 pm
1:45 pm	Conley	2:45 pm
2:00 pm	Union City	3:00 pm
2:15 pm	Atlanta	3:15 pm

No. 35	STATIONS	No. 36
2:00 pm	Atlanta	3:00 pm
2:15 pm	Decatur	3:15 pm
2:30 pm	Lawrenceville	3:30 pm
2:45 pm	Conley	3:45 pm
3:00 pm	Union City	4:00 pm
3:15 pm	Atlanta	4:15 pm

No. 37	STATIONS	No. 38
3:00 pm	Atlanta	4:00 pm
3:15 pm	Decatur	4:15 pm
3:30 pm	Lawrenceville	4:30 pm
3:45 pm	Conley	4:45 pm
4:00 pm	Union City	5:00 pm
4:15 pm	Atlanta	5:15 pm

No. 39	STATIONS	No. 40
4:00 pm	Atlanta	5:00 pm
4:15 pm	Decatur	5:15 pm
4:30 pm	Lawrenceville	5:30 pm
4:45 pm	Conley	5:45 pm
5:00 pm	Union City	6:00 pm
5:15 pm	Atlanta	6:15 pm

No. 41	STATIONS	No. 42
5:00 pm	Atlanta	6:00 pm
5:15 pm	Decatur	6:15 pm
5:30 pm	Lawrenceville	6:30 pm
5:45 pm	Conley	6:45 pm
6:00 pm	Union City	7:00 pm
6:15 pm	Atlanta	7:15 pm

LIKE THE SUN'S RAYS THROUGH A CLOUD

— COMES —

Dr. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY

TO THE WEAK AND WEARY COUGH-WORN LUNGS.

Nature's Remedy improved by science to a harmless, pleasant, positive cure. COUGH, LUNG AND BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS never linger in contact with that most natural and speedy cure.

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advances a New Theory in the Treatment of Coughs. It cures the Cough by curing the Cause. This remedy cuts the mucus and destroys the germs of disease and soothes, so that there is no inclination to cough. Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough and Lung Soreness disappear by its use as snow before the sunshine of spring.

TRY A 25c BOTTLE ON A GUARANTEE.

ALL DRUGGISTS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to refund the price if it fails to give entire satisfaction in any and all cases, child or adult.

BRONCHITIS CURED. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is the best cough remedy we have ever used. My wife had a severe case of bronchitis and throat trouble, and a sample bottle relieved her to such an extent that I bought a dollar bottle for her, and she is now almost fully recovered. We will never be without Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in our house.—T. A. Wilburn, Taylorville, Ky.

CONSUMPTION CURED. I have sold Pine-Tar-Honey for one year. Find it a splendid remedy and good seller. Sold five bottles to Miss Stella Howell, of this place, who was considered to have consumption. She is now in good health.—J. T. Graham, Druggist, Grantsburg, Ill.

PNEUMONIA PREVENTED. I had a very severe cold and sore throat—in fact, I thought I was taking pneumonia. I got a 50-cent bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, and after using it one day and night I can say that it is the best remedy I ever used. I recommend it highly to everybody.—Lewis O. Davis, J. P., Alleville, Mo.

Lookout for Substitutes: Demand BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY

And do not let any druggist offer you one of those cheap syndicate cough mixtures on which he makes a big profit.

DR. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY is sold by all good druggists.

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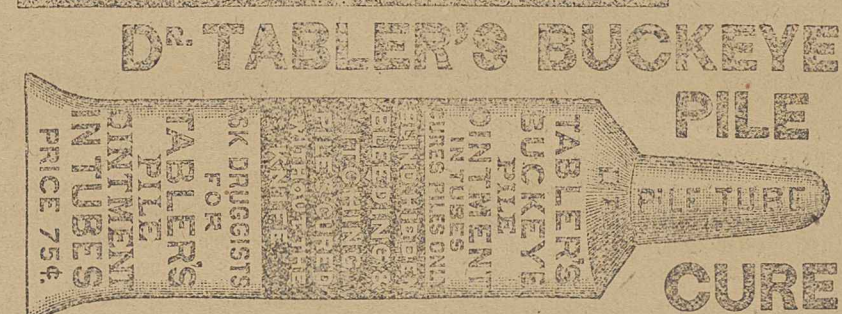
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Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

Have you reported?

Keep your eyes open!

And watch these columns,

And you will find out where

To get bargains in what you need.

T. L. Seale, of Calera, was in the city yesterday.

Walter Seals, of Shelby, was in the city Sunday.

W. D. Lacy, of Malene, was in town this week.

C. J. Christian, of Shelby, was in the city Monday.

J. M. Crenshaw, of Beat 8, was in town Monday.

Jim Lane, of Sylacauga, was in the city Tuesday.

Theo. Elliott, Ganadurque, was in town last Friday.

Henry Jackson, of Wilsonville, was in town Monday.

W. B. Browne visited relatives in Montgomery last week.

Harry Roberts visited relatives at Sylacauga last week.

Mrs. J. R. Beavers visited relatives at Vincent this week.

Dr. T. G. Nelson, of Harpersville, was in town Tuesday.

H. Fox spent a few days in Montgomery last week on business.

P. E. Masterson, of Decatur, is visiting relative here this week.

A full line of crockery at
J. H. HAMMOND.

Sams Walls and Sam Rhodes, of Shelby, were in the city Sunday.

H. A. Seals, of the Southern, visited relatives in the city Sunday.

Mrs. I. W. Bailey, of Calera, visited relatives in the city last week.

Mrs. Miller and son, of Birmingham, are visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. S. A. Vest, of Montevallo, was in the city this week visiting friends.

W. F. Thetford is attending the State Sunday school convention at Opelika.

Mrs. Sam Harrell and Miss Bice, of Shelby, were in the city Monday evening.

R. E. Cosper and J. R. Dyke, of Sterrett, were in town Monday on business.

B. F. Chett and Ross Hebson, of Sylacauga, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

The Shelby County Medical Society held their monthly meeting here yesterday.

J. F. Millestead left last Saturday for Omaha, Neb., where he will reside in the future.

E. P. Quigley and wife left Monday for Montgomery where they will reside in the future.

Rev. W. I. Sianott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Princess Royal molasses put up in three and five gallon cans for sale cheap at
J. H. HAMMOND.

Mrs. Wilson, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home at Montevallo Monday.

Cuts, wounds, burns, sprains and bruises quickly heal if you apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale at Williams Bros.

The Commissioners Court convened at the courthouse on Monday, April 2, it being the regular session of said court.

Spring has come in earnest. The ladies are wearing sailor hats. The woods are full of violets and lillies and all the trees are putting forth their spring suit.

The time for the primary election in this county is fast approaching, and all the candidates are getting a move on them in their canvass of the different beats.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take Herbine; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

We don't claim to sell you goods below cost, but will sell them cheap enough and give you what you pay for.
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Those horrid fits of depression, melancholy, low spirits and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, is due to the blood being permeated with bile. Herbine will purify the blood, and restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

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Sole Proprietors, MEMPHIS, TENN.

One of the Escapes Captured.

Charlie Ledbetter, who escaped from the jail here on the night of the 25th of February, was captured near Harpersville last Thursday night. It will be remembered that Ledbetter escaped with four other white men. We learn that he will be tried at this term of court for the crime of bigamy, with which he is charged.

Circuit Court.

Circuit Court convened Monday, with Judge Pelham presiding, it being the third week of the spring term. The following cases, up to going to press, were disposed of:

Emmett McClanahan, colored, charged with perjury; jury and verdict not guilty.

Mrs. Lizzie LeGrone, charged with manslaughter, jury and verdict not guilty.

City Election.

The election for Mayor and Aldermen for the city of Columbiana was held last Monday, and the following ticket was elected for the ensuing year:

For Mayor—D. R. McMillan.
For Aldermen—A. P. Longshore, J. P. Pearson, E. D. Hall, C. W. O'Hara and J. H. Robertson.

There being no other ticket in the field everything passed off very quietly, and no excitement over the election during the day.

Mr. J. H. Robertson entertained some of his friends at his residence in royal style on last Friday. The dinner which was given was to commemorate his fiftieth birthday. The table was decorated in a tasteful and attractive fashion, and was spread with a profusion of tempting viands. Each dish was a chef d'oeuvre of the culinary art. Each guest was appointed a committee of one to enjoy himself unrestrainedly, and all fulfilled the duties of the position in an admirable manner. Mirth and merriment was the order of the occasion. Altogether the occasion was a most enjoyable one and each guest voted Mr. Robertson the most hospitable of hosts.

The Grand Jury after being in session over a week investigating the condition of the county, and examining witnesses relating to other matters which it is their duty to look into, returned twenty-eight indictments, and made some recommendations, after which they adjourned.

The sudden change in the weather last Friday was caused by the cold winds from the northwest where they had a heavy snow storm Wednesday night, which blocked some of the railroads in that section of the country.

Mother! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's good health. These sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with Whites Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

Our fellow townsman John T. Cromwell passed his fiftieth mile post on life rugged road on last Tuesday. Mr. Cromwell has lived and reared a family of children in this county.

"All Fools' day passed off very quietly, with only a few jokes being played by the young folks of the town. Some of the young men were sent on a fools errand by the fairer sex.

Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they cannot be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

The outlook of a good crop of fruit this year in this section of the state is very bright, and it is probable that there will not be cold enough again to kill the fruit.

For coughs and colds there is no medicine so effective as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It is the ideal remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

Barney McClanahan, colored, who has been suffering for some time with gravel, died yesterday morning at his home a short distance south of this city.

Duran & Co., are leaders in flour, hay, corn, oats, etc. Call and see them.

No man could see into the average girl's top bureau drawer and keep more than two or three of his blithest ideals.

Gretna-Greene.

A unique and romantic elopement was all the topic Tuesday evening, the groom, Bosh L. Kimble, having bid goodbye to his many friends here and took the afternoon train on Monday, telling all that he was going to Texas, but stopping at Calera, and hiring a team Tuesday, sent a trusted friend back for his future intended. The bride, Miss Ethel Leonard, left her home as if she was coming down town to do some shopping, and stopping at a store for a few moments, and walking about a quarter of a mile where the team was waiting for her. She politely steps into the conveyance and went on her way to join her lover. The happy couple were married at Calera by Rev. J. P. Word. They left immediately after the ceremony for Hubbard, Tex., their future home.

The groom is the son of T. W. Kimble of this community, and is an industrious young man and was liked by all who knew him. Miss Leonard is one of Columbiana's fair daughters, and numbered her admirers by the score.

We wish for them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

A Thriving Bank.

A representative of The Advocate was shown through the Bank of Gordon DuBose on the last business day of March, which completed the seventh year of this institution. We have never had the pleasure of visiting a concern that was better equipped or that was more carefully and judiciously managed. We were shown the system of book-keeping, which is simple and accurate; the new safe was examined, which is a little beauty and is absolutely burglar proof; and last but not least, we were shown the general statement of the business for every day during the last year, from which it appears that the deposits have averaged for the year \$21,610.85 and the available cash has averaged \$8,748.40, which is 40.4 per cent. The deposits on March 31st stood at \$12,759.66 and the available cash \$15,232.33. Mr. DuBose and his cashier are polite, attentive and accommodating to customers, and deserve the great confidence of the people that they enjoy. The general policy of the concern is so well known and approved that no comment of ours is necessary.

Don't fail to call on S. Stark for bargains.

W. J. Nelson, of Shelby Spring, was in the city yesterday.

Quite a crowd from Calera attended court here yesterday.

A. M. Elliott spent a few days this week at Sylacauga on business.

Fresh Mince Meat at 5 cents a pound at
DURAN & Co.

Maj. W. D. Huggins died at his home in Calera last Saturday with pneumonia.

In another column will be found the advertisement of Mrs. L. C. Armstrong. If you need anything in line don't fail to give her a call.

The machinery for the cotton factory has been purchased. The final arrangements for the machinery was closed yesterday by Gordon DuBose, president of the company. The factory will be a five thousand spindle one. We hope to announce at an early date the breaking of dirt for the erection of the factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, the traveling Evangelists, struck our city last Friday evening, and at night addressed a small audience at the courthouse. Their address was very appropriate and timely. Mrs. Boyd said that in all her travels she could not recall to memory the time when she had an audience entirely composed of gentlemen. Mrs. Boyd is a good speaker and handles her subject well, and tells some truths upon the pious and devout church members, who only think of being good Sunday.

Stark is selling out at cost. Go and see him before buying elsewhere.

No 1 Parlor matches at 5 cents per dozen at
J. H. HAMMOND'S

Grand Jury Report.

To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of Shelby county:

We, the grand jury empaneled at this the Spring term, 1900, A. D., of the Circuit Court of Shelby county, beg leave to make the following final report:

That we have made diligent investigation of all indictable offenses coming to our knowledge, and have returned true bills where we procured evidence to justify them.

We find that the moral condition of the county is good, and only in a few localities is there a disposition to disregard the law. We have returned twenty-eight true bills.

We have examined the books and accounts of the several county officers as required by law, and find the accounts correctly kept, and money on hand in the amounts with which they are chargeable. We do not find that any illegal fees have been charged.

We find the house for the indigent poor well kept, and proper provision made for the inmates.

We have diligently investigated the escape of the white prisoners from the county jail several weeks ago, and while we have made no presentments against any officer for the escapes, we are compelled to believe that proper efforts and precautions have not been taken to keep the prisoners safely.

We find that the cell floor of the prison from which the escape was made, was in a very defective condition, and that the Commissioners of the county should have had the same put in a safe condition. We also find that the outer door of the jail has been left in such condition that communication could easily be had by any one with the prisoners, with every facility for aiding their escape. We most earnestly recommend that the commissioners and officers charged by law with looking after the jail, immediately put the same in proper condition.

We wish to thank your Honor for your assistance to us in our duties.

We also wish to thank the sheriff for his diligence in procuring witnesses, and our worthy bailiff, Mr. John Russell for his prompt and courteous assistance.

And now having fully performed our duties as we are advised, we beg to be discharged.

W. M. ALLEN,
Foreman.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. J. H. Robertson was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Hall Drug store.

Weather for the Week.

Clear or partly cloudy from the 5th to the 7th and quite cool for the season. Heavy frost may be expected as far south as the more northern of the southern states.

Clouding on the 7th followed on the 8th to the 11th by another series of storms, accompanied by somewhat higher temperature.

A number of lower barometers will cross the continent, causing generally cloudy conditions, one or two general rains and a number of local wind storms in places.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and now I sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praise throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Hall Drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Lion and Princess Coffee at 8 pounds for \$1.00 at
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J. H. HAMMOND.

Teachers Meeting.

The Shelby County Teachers Institute convened at Center Institute March 23d and 24th, 1900. The following proceedings were read:

The Institute met promptly according to programme as printed in the county papers. Supt. Eugene Williams presiding, C. W. Chessor, secretary.

The following teachers were in attendance: S. P. Williamson, H. M. Abercrombie, P. M. Abercrombie, G. D. Baldwin, J. M. Rich, J. M. Dye, C. W. Chessor, S. W. Blackerby, John Evans, J. B. Farrell, T. E. Farrell, Geo. B. Wheeler, W. W. Wheeler, J. W. Spearman, R. Lee Hill, John H. Mooney, Misses Mary Weldon and Eva Farr.

Trustees present were A. E. Carden and T. B. Holcomb.

During the session each and every subject mentioned on the programme was well discussed by the teachers and citizens who were in attendance. Each meeting was well attended, though the weather was very unfavorable.

Before adjournment the chair appointed the following as a committee on resolutions: H. M. Abercrombie, J. B. Farrell and Miss Eva Farr. On report of the committee the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted by the Institute:

Resolved, That we, the teachers of Shelby county, Ala., in Quarterly Institute assembled, March 24, 1900, by unanimous vote, would memorialize the next General Assembly of our State on matters pertaining to teachers examinations.

We submit for consideration the following:

1st, The present school laws of the State savor of class legislation in that they exempt from examination and from payment of examination fees, certain teachers, viz: Graduates of Alabama State Normal schools and teachers of certain exempted districts.

2d, The fact of not requiring these normal-graduates to take the examinations, gives to them as implied superiority over other teachers and puts those who have not taken normal training in Alabama at disadvantage, when in contest for positions, with normal graduates.

3d, Normal graduates, as a rule are not superior to those educated in other schools and other States. These facts seem to call for an act of uniformity. We therefore will petition the General Assembly at its next session to so amend the school laws of our State, as to require every teacher in the State to take the examination and to pay the examination fee.

4th, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of Center Institute and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the teachers of the Institute while in their midst.

5th, That we thank the worthy Secretary, C. W. Chessor, for his faithful work, and choir of Center Institute for the excellent music furnished us while in session.

7th, That we thank our worthy Superintendent for the impartial manner in which he has so faithfully presided over this Institute, and for many other kind, favors shown us in the past.

7th, That we shall in the future recognize all township trustees of Shelby county as members of the Teachers Institute, and they are hereby declared members thereof.

H. M. ABERCROMBIE,
J. B. FARRELL,
Miss EVA FARR,
Committee.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cts. Money back if not cured. Sold by Hall Drugstore.

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That I carry a large and complete stock of

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES

Which I will sell cheaper than you will find elsewhere. So call on me at the Moore corner.

Yours to serve,
J. H. HAMMOND.

Vincent.

Robert Taylor is able to sit up some after a serious illness. Mary Anna McGraw is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. H. Wilder is improving since having the measles.

Rev. S. N. Burns preached to a good audience at the Methodist church Sunday. Bro. Burns is a splendid preacher and loved by all. Mrs. Burns accompanied him.

B. F. Glover and niece, Miss Nettie Cosper, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Louisiana.

Conductors Roberts and Rawls visited their families last week.

Milton Self and family, of Bessemer, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Ista Bartlet, of Lineville is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Wilder.

Mrs. Hasiah Wilder and children are visiting relatives at Pelham.

Sunday being the first day of April, of course the young people indulged in fun to the extent of disappointing and exciting their friends and then to have a big laugh at their expense, for example: One of our young ladies received intelligence from a "very particular friend" that he would be in on first train to see her, likewise she "donned her best bib and tuck" and put on her bandest smile to welcome him, and lo! behold! the train came and only brought her an April fool.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest of these might have been."

OCCASIONAL.

Longview Snaps.

Dr. John Goodwin, of Huffman, Ala., was in town last Friday.

J. P. Hawkins, who has been visiting homefolks in North Alabama, returned to his work Saturday.

Tom Smitherman, of Saginaw, was in town a short while Sunday, taking a view of the convict camp.

Ira Logan made a business trip to Selma Monday.

D. C. Richardson, of Woodlawn, was in town short while Sunday.

George Armstrong and M. J. Jones, of Campbranch, were in town Sunday.

Prof. John Mooney, of Columbiana, was in town Sunday.

Walter Wilson, of Dogwood, visited homefolks here Sunday.

W. W. Strook, of Saginaw, was in town Monday on business.

Little Archie, of Saginaw, was in town Saturday on business, this time not hunting soothing syrup.

J. P. Atkinson went to see his future intended, Joe is going to get the best looking girl in Shelby Co. We don't think it right for strangers to come in and marry our home girls. What will we do about it?

Geo. L. Scott went to see his intended again Sunday night. Two nights in the week now.

Rev. H. C. Hale seems to have the blues, guess it's because he don't get to go to see his best girl any oftener. Clay says he is missing a lot of things on account of having to stay in his office so close, and working so hard.

Sissie, of Saginaw, said in last weeks issue that the two Dog Wardens of Longview were in town trailing some girls, and tread in the lower quarters. The Wardens said they might have tread in the lower quarters, but every house they went to, the folks would say Rev. H. C. Hale is my man, he wears a red derby hat.

NELLIE.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flowers still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart failure, etc. They used August Flowers to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

WORMS! VERNIFUGE!

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies. GUARANTEED.

Prepared by JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.

Wilsonville.

Sunday was a pretty day.

O. W. Timney, of Aldrich, has resigned from his position as operator, and has returned home, much to the delight of the fair sex.

Rev. Holdridge filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, and delivered an eloquent sermon.

Rev. J. C. Jackson and lady, of Tallapoosa, Ga. are visiting relatives here this week.

Joe Wheeler, of Harpersville, was in town Monday.

P. B. Nivens and C. T. Weldon are constant visitors to Mrs. Rays. J. H. Thomason was the happy escort of Miss Stella Huston Sunday night.

The farmers around this place are hustling. We presume from the way they are manuring they anticipate cotton to be worth ten cents next fall.

Will McEwen, of Fourmile, was here Sunday, come again Will, you will always find a hearty welcome.

We learn that J. H. Thomason, who has been working for Harry Stoudemire has resigned.

Miss Emma Kytte returned home Monday, after a pleasant visit to her sister about six miles north of this place.

Mrs. Sam Thomas and daughter have been very ill for a few days. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Well, Mr. Editor, "Fred" has retired from the paper with his sharp sarcasms, and I thought I would take his place. I solicit the co-operation of you and your devil in assisting me in any way you may see proper.

The Densler Mercantile Co., of this place, have gone out of business. Mr. R. E. Williamson who has been clerking for the company, returned to his native home in Catop, Ala., last week. We regret his removal from our midst, as we know that he left some sad heart behind.

We learn that Miss Olive Densler, received two nice presents Sunday night. A fine gold bracelet and a diamond ring. The question now is "who gave them to her?"

SIMON SLICK.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Buckler's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall Drugstore.

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Dr. A. J. Massey, dentist, the Painless Tooth Extractor and well Fitted Plates a Specialty, invites all persons wishing dentistry, to call at his Dental Parlors while in Birmingham, 21st street and 2d avenue. Correspond with him. Will practice in Jefferson and adjoining counties, go or send a competent man to your homes at reasonable prices. Will visit Columbiana often.

W. A. PARKER,

Livery and Feed Stables.

Bring me all your old iron & plows.

Spring

Annually Says Take Hood's Sarsaparilla

In the spring those Pimples, Boils, Eruptions and General Bad Feelings indicate that there are poisons in the system. It needs a thorough brushing, and the best brush is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which sweeps all humors before it. This great medicine eradicates Scrofula, soothes Salt Rheum, neutralizes the acidity which causes Rheumatism—in short, purifies the blood and thoroughly renovates the whole physical system.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla has been taken in our family as a blood purifier and spring medicine with satisfactory results." LEXAN RICHARDSON, 135 West William street, Bath, N. Y. Be sure to get Hood's.

Long Tenure of Office.

From the Washington Star: "It is doubtful whether any institution in the world has such a record for long tenure of office on the part of those directing it as has the Greenwich observatory. That institution was established in 1675, and in the 224 years of its existence it has had just eight directors, whose average terms of office have been twenty-eight years. The Harvard observatory has been established sixty years, and has had but four directors. The naval observatory in the district, however, has in the thirty-three years of its existence had ten directors, owing to the custom of detailing naval officers in that duty for a term of three years each. This constant change of directors, it has been claimed, is responsible to a large extent for the lack of continuity in the work of the naval observatory and its consequent failure to meet the requirements of a great national observatory, although more money is spent for its maintenance than for any other like institution in the world."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, LEONARD CHENEY, Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Court.

Signed before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1899.
A. J. H. CHENEY, Notary Public.
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Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Halls Family Pills are the best.

Benjamin F. Marsh, of Illinois, modestly states in his autobiography that during the war he received four geyser wounds and carried in his body rebel lead."

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever

is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a palatable form. No cure—no pay. Price 35c.

David Fremmer Henderson, speaker of the house of representatives, was born in Old Deer, Scotland, and lost a leg during the civil war. Notwithstanding his physical defect, the speaker is a great special favorite in Washington and is seen at many dinners.

Dyeing is as simple as washing when you use PUTNAM DYELESS DYES. Sold by all druggists.

William Boyd Allison is the most influential republican in the senate of the United States. In seniority of service he ranks above all his colleagues, having served his state continuously since 1873.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind-coli. 25c a bottle.

Use Pilo's Cure for Consumption both in my family and practice.—Dr. G. W. PATTERSON, Inkster, Mich., Nov. 5, 1894.

Edwin Reed Ridgely, of Kansas, was born in a log cabin on his father's timber farm, near Lancaster, Ill., and served throughout the civil war.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Charles Franklin Sprague, of Massachusetts, is a multi-millionaire manufacturer, and one of the "swells" of congress.

Vitality lost, debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. Kline's Regenerating Tonic. Price \$1 trial bottle for 2 weeks' treatment. Dr. Kline, Ltd., 361 Arch St., Philadelphia. Founded 1871.

Thomas Casack, of Chicago, was born in "Old Ireland" and was originally a sign painter.

Do not fail to read the advertisement of TEETHINA in this paper.

Senator William Lindsay, of Kentucky, is an authority on constitutional law and an inimitable story-teller.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup

Is the best remedy for bronchitis. It relieves the troublesome cough at once, effects an easy resort. Schools in every department. Enter cures in a few days. Price 25c at all druggists.

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will always find a ready market—but only that farmer can raise them who has studied the great secret how to obtain both quality and quantity by the judicious use of well-balanced fertilizers. No fertilizer for Vegetables can produce a large yield unless it contains at least 8% Potash. Send for our books, which furnish full information. We send them free of charge.

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FISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Dissolves in time. Sold by druggists.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Cuba is the greatest sugar-producing country in the world, and its normal crop is about 1,000,000 tons.

A competent judge estimates that about three times as many books were sold in the United States in 1899 as in any year since 1893.

According to the Iowa State Register, that State has 200 more financial institutions than any other State in the Union. The banks are generally small, however.

Tennessee has become the leading phosphate producer of America. There are 248 valuable mines in the State and over 21,000 men are employed in the business. New mines are being opened daily.

The million-dollar estate which the late Dr. Koeley left was conclusive evidence of the fact that the gold cure was effective against any financial distress overtaking the inventor.

A newsboy in North London, Ind., was sentenced to a week in jail for crying false news on the streets. What would become of the newsboys of Chicago and New York should such a rule prevail in those cities.

The patrol wagon in use in Akron, O., is an automobile possessing a maximum speed of twenty miles an hour. It costs \$2,300, and it is estimated that it will pay for itself in four years in the saving of horse-shoeing and horse feed.

If Mexico's exports of India rubber are increasing at the same ratio with other nations, that they are with the United States, then that industry of our sister republic must soon become paramount. Just now the increase with this country is 100 per cent. per month.

Russia is ferreting out corruption in the military and naval administration. Recently a half dozen Cossack officers, including a Major-General, were sent to Siberia for peculation, and now forty-three officers and officials of the Navy have been brought to trial at Sebastopol, for frauds in the coal, oil and beef contracts for the Black Sea fleet.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science has just published a report, based on examinations of some ten million children in various countries of Europe, concerning the growth of European children. From this it appears that there is an average difference of five inches between the best and worst nurtured classes. There is a constant but uneven growth in height, weight and chest measurement, increasing annually up to seventeen and then diminishing rapidly.

The alarming increase of juvenile criminals in Germany is puzzling the legislators. In 1885 the juvenile offenders numbered 20,704, the total rising to 45,504 in 1894, and to 47,975 in 1898. The increase of all criminals in 1898 over the preceding year was 3 per cent., an increase disproportionate to the growth of population. The juvenile criminals, however, increased alarmingly, the number in 1898 being 6 per cent. over that of 1897.

The annual report of the superintendent of the New York institution for the blind calls attention to the steady decrease in the number of children who become blind in New York city after birth. This decrease he attributes to the rapidly increasing knowledge of sanitary science; the careful medical inspection of the public schools; the recognition by the ignorant poor of the danger of diseases of the eye, and their effort to cure, if not prevent, them; the increased knowledge of the medical profession about the eye and its treatment.

A movement is on foot to give Alaska cable communication with the United States. The sooner this is accomplished the greater the satisfaction felt by the people of all the States and Territories. If Cape Nome is one-half as rich as reported, there will be, by next fall, possibly a quarter of a million people in that vicinity.

The Canadian Postoffice Department has authorized the opening of a post-office in North Victoria County, Ontario, to be known as Buller, and the name of Upper Thorne Centre, near Colongue, has been changed to Lady-Smith, taking effect on the day of the relief of White's headquarters in South Africa.

The cattle business is to grow in the South like cotton milling. The Florida Times-Union says that in Osceola, where the plain farmers take life in, insurance policies of from \$5,000 to \$20,000, there is a growing appreciation of the possibility of cattle raising. The "enormous demands of the Chicago market" have reached Florida at last. But soon rather than ship the animals to Chicago, and with them the cotton seed, so that the Northern feeder shall reap the double profit, they will feed and kill at home. Artesian wells will be dug; cultivated grass will be sown; blooded bulls will be introduced, and the Florida stock industry will "go forward to a splendid future." Let her go!

Electric towage has been introduced on the Belgian canals. The engine is a tricycle, the rear wheels being the drivers. Power is transmitted to it by the trolley system from overhead wires strung along the tow path and fed from a central generating station. The towline is fixed laterally to the engine and the route covered is about thirty miles. It is intended, however, to apply the system to all of the Belgian canals and abolish horse towage entirely.

San Francisco stands in the front rank of cities wherein the profession of law is overcrowded. It contains one practicing lawyer to each 361 of its inhabitants. Denver, Col., has one for every 821; Kansas City, Mo., one for

every 826; Atlanta, Ga., one for every 404; Albany, N. Y., one for every 412; Chicago, one for every 506; Omaha, Ohio, one for every 513; Cleveland, Ohio, one for every 522; Buffalo, N. Y., one for every 565; Rochester, N. Y., one for every 725, and St. Louis, Mo., one for every 770.

Dancing is part of the musical gymnastics employed in some Chicago schools, to relieve the tension and to teach grace of motion and politeness. "Rhythmic movement" the teachers call it, but the spectator can distinguish the Virginia reel, quadrilles, minuets, and other dances. In Syracuse also the school children and those in the eighth-year grades of the grammar schools being taught the follow-step and the two-step as a part of the physical culture exercises.

Two years ago a so-called universal accident insurance or compensation act was passed in England which provided that workmen in certain industries (a considerable number, in fact) should be compensated for any accident, no matter how caused, or through whose negligence, so long as it grew out of the employment. No amount of care on the part of the employer, no degree of negligence and stupidity on the part of the workman, was to relieve the former from paying compensation for disability, sickness, or death due to accident. It is now proposed to extend the principle to industries and trades not covered by the original statute.

The figures of the decline of American shipping are both pathetic and exasperating. Forty years ago, in the year before the beginning of the Civil War which enabled our chief rival, Great Britain, to supplant us on the seas, the proportion of American trade carried in American ships was 63 per cent., or two-thirds of the whole; and we were competing under favorable conditions with English ships for the foreign commerce of other nations. Thirty years ago, our share of the business of carrying our own commerce was 33.1 per cent.; it had dropped from two-thirds to one-third. The next ten years brought it down from one-third to less than one-quarter; namely from 33.1 per cent. to 23 per cent. In 1879, in 1889 it had diminished to 14.3 per cent. In 1899 it had dwindled to 8.9 per cent. Of the stupendous total last year of \$1,806,876,087 of our exports and imports, more than nine-tenths, or \$1,646,282,007 was borne across the seas in foreign vessels. Less than one tenth, only \$160,644,000, travelled under the American flag. Such is the story of the nation's great loss.

"Syndicate farming" is the latest suggestion for trust organization. The suggestion comes from England, and from what recently appeared in the London Telegraph, is a fate soon to be met with over there. The writer asserts boldly that under modern conditions, with farms no longer fertile without the addition of nitrogenous materials, with machinery taking the places of laborers, and that at heavy expense and with such heavy imports of cereals, the United Kingdom must either go out of the business of farming or turn the agricultural lands over to combined capital. Farming on a large scale has been essayed in this country in a number of States. Farms have come into the hands of big corporations by means of foreclosures of loans until the corporate owner has found itself a landowner of huge dimensions, but without skill in agriculture. Machinery is used to a wider extent in America than anywhere else on the globe. Fertilizing has become necessary in the older States have become necessary to produce reasonable crops of wheat, corn, and oats. Will syndicate farming ever become a feature of American life?

The nucleus of a large development in rice culture is being laid in this country. It appears that the United States would have no difficulty in producing all the rice which it consumes. Last year over 138,000,000 pounds of domestic rice were marketed, and in addition 204,000,000 pounds were imported. This total represents a per capita consumption of about five pounds. Although in comparison with the consumption in Asiatic countries, where rice is a staple of life, this rate is very low, it gives great promise. The most successful cultivation of rice is seen in Louisiana, although several other of the Southern States are now contributing large quantities of this grain. It is estimated that there are about 10,000,000 acres of land in the five gulf States on which rice could be profitably grown. Irrigation is necessary in all these States which can be made available. Professor Knapp says that rice is the only grain in the dry state that can be prepared for consumption by the simple process of boiling. For this reason it is well adapted to be the food for the poor, besides possessing many other recommendations as a food for all classes.

The Big "I" English Writing.

Did it ever occur to you that it might seem very egotistical for you to write of yourself with a capital "I" instead of using the small and less obtrusive one? The English use of the capital "I" is one of the oddest features of the language—to a foreigner. If a Frenchman writes referring to himself he makes "Je" (the French equivalent of "I") with a small "j." So with the German, who may use capitals to begin every noun; he always uses the small "I" in writing. "Ich." The Spaniard avoids, as far as practicable, the use of the personal pronoun when writing in the first person, but he always writes it "yo," taking pains, however, to begin the Spanish equivalent of our "you" with a capital. In English it is surely big "I" and little "you," as the old saying has it.

Diet Colors Bird's Feathers.

Birds can be colored, according to Saemann, an Austrian, by supplying them with food dyed with aniline. He obtained pigeons of a beautiful red with methylenebromofluorescein, and others of a fine blue with methyl violet, which is a mixture of the hydrochloride of pentamethylparosaniline and hexamethylparosaniline. Canaries can be clad in rainbow colors.

Another Spanish Excuse.

A belated war story comes from Ponce, Puerto Rico, and is told by Lieutenant Juan Arato, of the Spanish Engineers. "When the war broke out," said the Lieutenant, "we found that our supply of ammunition of all sorts was very low. Some was new and some old; some was black and some brown; some was old-fashioned and some was smokeless and mysterious. There was one lot of brown smokeless powder which was marked 'Use with care! Very powerful! Keep cool and dry!' and to it was attached a legend that it had burst a Krupp field gun. 'I determined to try it. I employed a small charge in a gun, and to my surprise it refused to go off. My gunners were very much disgusted, and one of them said: 'Bah, this is no good for war. I'll use it for cooking our supper.' 'We all jumped as he threw a double handful into a small campfire. Judge of our feelings when we saw the fire go out. I afterward learned that powder of this sort deteriorated with age, and that long before this case was opened it was as harmless as wet sand.'—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

The Sea's Treasure.

It is computed that there is \$4,000,000,000 worth of gold and jewels at the bottom of the sea on the route between England and India.

INDIA'S MOST PECULIAR PEOPLE.

The Bicycle Has Nearly Emancipated the Parsi Women.

The most peculiar people of India are the Parsis (or "Parsees," meaning "Persians"), who feed their dead to the vultures upon the Towers of Silence. They fled to India from Persia when that land fell into the hands of the Arabs twelve centuries ago. Their men are the first very singular persons the traveller sees on board the ship which takes him to India, their singularity consisting in their long swallow faces and large eyes, their shiny, ent-leather, looking, tubular hats and their long and ugly coats. They are most numerous in Bombay, but one meets them in other cities on "Bombay side," and in Madras and Calcutta on the other shore. They are the richest natives of India, and have made and still make their money in trade.

They are the only Indians who, as a body, admire and cultivate western progressive ideas, who treat their women fairly well (according to our ideas), and who permit their widows to marry again. Their first rule of life is to practice benevolence, and no people do this more liberally. They are the only people in the world who do not smoke, and this is because they will not trifle with fire, which is sacred in their belief. They never spit and they will not in any way contaminate the earth or water or defile the trees and flowers. That is why they destroy their dead without burning the bodies.

They have no beggars among them; they are monogamists; they are not caste-ridden (or rotted), like the Hindus, for they acknowledge but two classes—the priests and the people. They keep New Year day, not only as a religious fete day, but much as we do, as a day for general visiting. Their women are not imprisoned with their servants or otherwise degraded, but may be met anywhere and everywhere to the same extent as English women in India. So often are these women comely, and so beautifully are they clad—in such soft and exquisitely colored silks—that, as one writer says, "they appear as hours floating about the earth in silk balloons, with a balustrade of anklets, necklaces, earrings and jewelry." It is no more than the fact of the Parsi men to let this be as it is, for they are the ugliest men that crawl upon this globe.

An English lady advised me to go and see the rich Parsi women riding bicycles on the road beside the sea at 4 o'clock of any afternoon. What an idea! The bicycle has so revolutionized young womanhood in England that men who return there after a short absence cannot credit their senses as they note the change in the maidens and their home government. What will it do—or not do—in India? Truly that modest-looking toy has worked as much of the change in this swift-booted century as many of our most important inventions. It has proved a steel which leaps the highest bars of prejudice, runs away with the deepest-rooted conventions—even outpaces the plans of women for their own emancipation. I try to fancy what it may do in India, but after all, it has only a few thousands of Parsis upon whom to work.—Harper's Magazine.

To Europe on Thirty Dollars.

I was, in knowledge of worldly life, says W. J. Stillman in the Atlantic, scarcely less a child than I had been when, at the age of ten, I determined to go out into the world and make my own career, free from the obstacles I imagined to be preventing me from following my ideals. The ever present feeling developed in me by the religious training of my mother, that an over-ruling Providence had my life in keeping, made me quite oblivious of or indifferent to the chances of disaster, for the assurance of protection and leading to the best end left no place for apprehension. It was a mental phenomena, which I now look back on with a wonder which I think most sane people will share, that, at the age when most boys have become men, for I graduated at twenty, I went into a strange world like the children of the Children of the Crusade, with an unflinching faith that I should be led and cared for by Providence as I had been by my parents. I had no apprehension, from the moment that one of the ship-owners who was in business relations with my elder brother offered me a free passage on one of his sailing ships to Liverpool, that I should not find a similar bridge back again; and with my thirty dollars changed into six sovereigns, and a little valise with only a change of clothes, I went on board the Garrick, a packet of the Black Ball line, sailing in the last days of December.

The nucleus of a large development in rice culture is being laid in this country. It appears that the United States would have no difficulty in producing all the rice which it consumes. Last year over 138,000,000 pounds of domestic rice were marketed, and in addition 204,000,000 pounds were imported. This total represents a per capita consumption of about five pounds. Although in comparison with the consumption in Asiatic countries, where rice is a staple of life, this rate is very low, it gives great promise. The most successful cultivation of rice is seen in Louisiana, although several other of the Southern States are now contributing large quantities of this grain. It is estimated that there are about 10,000,000 acres of land in the five gulf States on which rice could be profitably grown. Irrigation is necessary in all these States which can be made available. Professor Knapp says that rice is the only grain in the dry state that can be prepared for consumption by the simple process of boiling. For this reason it is well adapted to be the food for the poor, besides possessing many other recommendations as a food for all classes.

Goldfinch Caught by an Acorn.

A more peculiar accident than any of these happened to a small goldfinch, which was found dead at the base of a large oak tree with an acorn attached to its bill. The bird had evidently driven its bill straight through the acorn, and then, unable to extricate it, the little creature had died of starvation. Stories are told by naturalists of finding birds with their bills firmly imbedded in the trunks and limbs of old trees. Either in their eagerness to capture some worm under the bark they have forced their bills in so far that they could not withdraw them, or on some dark night they have flown against the tree with violence. Instances are on record of sea birds flying against wooden lighthouses on dark nights with such force as to drive their bills far into the woodwork. The power of the bills of some species of birds to resist a heavy blow is so great that they will penetrate hard oak for half an inch before breaking. Such a concussion, however, would kill the bird, whether it injured the bill or not. Sometimes the bill is driven straight through the skull of the bird, and protrudes from the back of the head.—Washington Star.

RINGS ON YELLOW PINES.

Two Circles of New Fibre Blending Into One Mark Each Year.

"It is very curious to note the successive growth circles of our yellow pines," said a veteran lumberman from the Pearl River district. "Until my attention was especially directed to the subject by a forestry expert a few years ago I had no idea that the markings were so beautifully clear and distinct. The tree acquires two rings of new fibre every year, one in the spring and one in the fall, but they blend together and form a single, well defined circle. During the first ten years these successive accumulations are of about equal thickness, and for the next two decades the diminution is very slight, but after that the rings become thinner and thinner, and when the tree gets into the eighties and nineties the growth is very slight indeed, in fact, a mere film. Nevertheless the ring is always formed as long as the tree lives, and can be clearly discerned with a glass after it ceases to be visible to the naked eye. During the visit of the expert to whom I referred we cut a good deal of timber on my place, ranging between sixteen and eighteen inches in diameter. 'That tree is 125 years old,' he would say; 'that one is 100; that is about 140,' and so on. Afterward we measured the growth rings with the instruments he carried and in every instance he had hit the age within a few years. It seemed wonderful, but was simply the result of experience combined with an accurate eye. There are some very ancient pine trees in the Pearl River district, and many of them figure in the traditions and folk lore of the settlers in their neighborhood. There are a couple such patriarchs on a tract near my mill, and when the standing timber of the place was recently sold, I am glad to say they were especially excepted in the terms of the contract. It would have seemed like murder to some of the country folks if they had been cut down.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

How Fortune Smiled.

When this incident occurred, as related by a Detroit lawyer, he was thirty years younger than he is now: "I had all I could do to pay for cheap boarding and the rent of a little office which also served as a lodging apartment. The best I had in a business way was a tough lot of collections and a few insignificant cases in Justice's Court."

"This is the way in which the tide of fortune was turned. A big burglary had been committed and a man seriously wounded in trying to defend the whole community was up in arms. I never was so surprised in my life as when I was employed, at a ridiculously small figure, to defend the prisoners, except when they were acquitted. There was an organized gang of these fellows at the time, and the quintet-eyed, sharp-faced leader afterward told me how I came to get the case.

"We met," said he, 'after the boys were pinched, and a motion was made by one of the blokes to hire two of the best and highest-priced lawyers in the city if it took every cent we had saved. I give 'em rope while they quarreled over who the lawyers should be, and when I done my patterin' I told 'em what a lot of joys they was to blow their stuff in on big wigs what charged a dollar fur every word they spoke. My plan was to buy witnesses, and then any fool of a lawyer would do us. That's how you got the case, and it saved us a pile."

"I didn't feel flattered, but it boomed me right into a good business that's made me comfortable.—Detroit Free Press.

Manchester's Advanced Government.

The city of Manchester, England, which furnishes the most advanced example of municipal socialism, has made a new departure by adding manufacturing of soap, tallow, oil, glue and fertilizer to its garbage and sewerage department. The city government now owns street car lines, gas, electric light and water works, ice factories, slaughter houses, cemeteries, cheap lodging houses, technical schools, art galleries and workshops for the manufacture and repair of its vehicles, tools and implements. It has reclaimed a large swamp by depositing its street cleanings and the solid matter found in its sewage, and is now reclaiming another, by which it is expected to add several millions of dollars to the wealth of the corporation. The most novel branch of the city government is a corps of housecleaners, who can be employed by the occupants of stores, flats, office rooms and residences to overhaul and clean their establishments as often as desired. A Manchester woman who desires her house cleaned can telephone to police headquarters, and a gang of scrubbers, sweepers, window-washers, etc., will be sent at once to take up the carpets and relay them and do her spring house cleaning in short order and first-class style while she goes to London or visits her friends in the country.

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GAVE BOY A TONIC CAPSULE.

Reward for the Honesty and Cheek of a Zealous Bellboy.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat: "A well-known drug drummer, who is paying his regular holiday visit to New Orleans, took the train last Monday evening for a little side trip to Baton Rouge and in the hurry of his departure left a handsome bone-handled umbrella hanging on a hook in the lobby of the hotel. It was a tempting prize, but probably every kleptomaniac who saw it supposed the owner was seated near at hand. At any rate, it remained undisturbed and was still there yesterday when the drummer returned. 'By the way,' he remarked, after he exchanged greetings with the clerk, 'I've managed somehow to lose my new bone-handled umbrella. Have any of you seen such a thing lying around the office?' A quick-witted bellboy heard the question and, glancing around, saw the missing article hanging within a foot of his head. Supposing it had been there for only a few moments, he promptly grasped the ferrule. 'Is this the one?' he inquired. 'Yes!' exclaimed the traveler, delighted, 'and I must say I'm surprised nobody has nipped it.' 'Aw, they couldn't do that,' replied the bellboy, 'I've been holdin' on to it fer 'ever since y' hung it up.' The drug drummer stopped with his hand half way down his pocket and a whimsical smile overspread his countenance. 'Well,' he said slowly, 'I was intending to give you half a dollar, but if you've been holding that umbrella for three consecutive days you're more in need of a tonic. Here is a capsule of quinine and iron.' The gloom which settled down upon the bell bench might have been hewn with an ax.

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New Estimate of Geologic Time.

An ingenious theory for the estimation of the time of the various geological periods has been produced by an engineer whose work on western railroads takes him into primitive country. He says that in one great depression in Wyoming the trees have been recording the rate of erosion of the slopes for about 300 years so accurately that the data to be obtained by a careful study of them will be a factor of extreme importance in enabling scientists to convert geological time into years. While he has not yet had time to collect these data properly, he makes the rough deduction that, according to their records, the Pliocene and Pleistocene periods would represent about one and one-half millions of years, and that, on this basis, the Cenozoic time would be about four millions of years. This would mean that all geological time from the beginning of the Cambrian epoch would be sixty-four millions of years.

Various devices have been used in Europe for the ventilation of tunnels. In some cases oil burning or electric locomotives have been substituted for the trip through the tunnel, and in other cases artificial ventilation has been used.

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Scores of Lives and Property Destroyed in Texas.

GREAT DAM IN COLORADO RIVER BREAKS

Eight Employees of Power House Were Drowned—Hundreds of Houses Swept Before the Terrible Wall of Water.

A Saturday's special from Austin, Tex., says:

This city is tonight in pitch darkness, with a raging river one mile wide and swollen far beyond its natural banks, roaring and surging through all the lower portion of the town, having spread death and destruction in its wake.

In addition to the vast loss to property interests, it is calculated that between thirty and forty lives have been lost and the reports coming in from the tributary country do not tend to improve matters. The flood is not unlike the disastrous Johnstown flood some years ago, in that a raging river, already swollen far beyond its capacity, bore too heavily upon an immense dam spanning the river here, breaking the same and letting loose a reservoir of water thirty miles long, half a mile wide and sixty feet deep, to aid in carrying destruction down the valleys of the Colorado river. The great dam in the Colorado river gave way today to the enormous pressure of water and debris, and with a roar and crash, swept the valleys below the city, wrecking the immense light and power plant and drowning eight workmen.

Following is a list of the unknown dead including those killed in the power house: Frank Pincet, Frank Kinney, Walter Flower, Walter Johnston, Alfred Jonson, Frank Fitzgerald, Walter Blossman, Joseph Newman, Dick Morris, colored, John Proes, Charles Burchard, six negroes. On last Wednesday night it began raining very hard at this place, the storm extending north of here along the water-sheds of the Colorado river. The precipitation continued until this morning, and as a final the downfall averaged six inches within an hour. All this vast quantity of water along the water-sheds of the Colorado river rapidly swelled the current until at 8 o'clock this morning the river, which had been rising steadily since last evening, was a raging torrent, having risen forty feet within ten hours.

After daylight this morning it became evident that the situation was serious. This morning the river began rising so rapidly that it was evident that the dam and all the power houses and contents, costing \$1,500,000, was in imminent danger. To add to the terror of the situation, small frame houses, trees and debris of every description, in varying quantities, began drifting down the river and piling up against the upper face of the dam. This weight was augmented every moment, until, by 10 o'clock, there was a mass of debris lodged against the dam which threatened the safety of the structure. In addition, millions of gallons of water were whirling and plunging to the sixty-foot fall, and it was evident that no wall could withstand the immense pressure.

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, when suddenly, with a report like the roar of the ocean, a great wedge, 25 feet high, 500 feet wide and about 8 feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dam, down the face of the 60-foot depth into the river below. This left a yawning gap in the very middle of the dam, through which the debris and water fiercely poured, while the flood, already raging, was threatening everything in its path, this sudden breaking of the dam but serving to add to the horror of the catastrophe.

The released water poured into the power house, catching eight employees all of them instantly. A crowd of poor white people, numbering about thirty, living just below the dam in tents, were seen at their habitations just before the dam broke and have not been accounted for since, and it is generally conceded that all of them were swept away. One man was caught on the bridge and he and his horse and buggy went down with the torrent and were heard of no more. A family of six negroes living in the valley south of the city are known to have been drowned.

It is estimated that more than 100 houses have been destroyed and the loss to property will be great, independent of the light and power plant, costing one and a half million dollars.

Reports of loss of life and damage caused by incessant rains during the past three days in Texas continue to pour in from all directions and indications point to a repetition of the disastrous floods of last year. The loss of life to a great extent has already surpassed that of previous years. Both telephone and telegraph service all over the state is completely prostrated and details from the flooded districts are very meager. All streams, including the Brazos and Colorado rivers, are overflowing the lowlands and rising very rapidly. The crops of cotton and corn are nearly completely submerged and will have to be replanted.

AGRICULTURAL BILL. Measure Carries Unusually Heavy Appropriation.

The agricultural appropriation bill reported to the house Saturday carries \$4,116,400, being \$390,778 more than the law for the current year. Two additional scientists—one biologist and one botanist—have been allowed. An additional allowance of \$40,000 for seed distribution is granted upon the petition of 225 members of the house; \$60,000 is appropriated for iron warning towers for the weather bureau in place of the present wooden structures; \$38,000 for an additional quarantine station in New York; \$47,000 additional for meat inspector and \$200,000 for a laboratory building in Washington.

POLITICAL FACTIONS AT WAR. Intense Excitement Prevails at Middlesboro, Kentucky.

A special from Middlesboro, Ky., says: Intense excitement prevails here over a clash of the authorities. Will Moseley, a special policeman, shot Charles Cecil, a deputy sheriff, and was himself killed later by unknown persons. The killing is the outcome of the bitter feeling that exists between two political factions.

Warrants have been sworn for the arrest of Chief of Police King, Police-man John Moseley, a brother of the man killed, and Policeman Will Sullivan for attempting to arrest a negro released by the city judge.

Bloodshed Over Dewey's Candidacy. In Chicago one man was killed and another badly injured in a fight growing out of Admiral Dewey's candidacy for the Presidency. Eugene Luckner, a colored man, was shot and instantly killed by George Miller, a barber. The latter was badly cut about the throat with a razor and may die.

Saw Mills on Two-Thirds Time. The Georgia Saw Mill association, representing some 300 yellow pine mill plants in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida at a meeting held at Tifton, Ga., decided by a practically unanimous vote that on and after May 10 all mills belonging to the members of the association would be run on two-thirds time. This will affect thousands of operatives.

SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS

Topics of Interest Gathered From All Parts of Alabama.

A YOUNG MAN MAKES A FATAL MISTAKE

Boy Accidentally Killed by a Horse. Rich Iron Ore Find in Calhoun County—Improvements at Courtland—Breivies.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Westmoreland, a small village in the western portion of Limestone, a few days ago. Coloy Beasley, who is engaged with his father in business, at that place, died suddenly from an overdose of morphine administered by his own hand through a fatal mistake. He kept the store and was familiar with the drugs they carried, and feeling badly, and believing that he was going to have the grip, he went to what he thought was the quinine bottle and poured out a dose and swallowed it. All that was possible to be done for him was done, but to no avail.

Indictments Returned. The Jefferson county grand jury, which has been in session during the last week, returned a large batch of indictments, among them being the following: John Manning, alias John Hendricks, murder in the first degree, two cases; also Frank Duncan, alias Frank Edwards, murder in the first degree, two cases. The indictments against these two men are joint, and each is charged with killing James W. Adams and George W. Kirkley, members of the Birmingham police force. The accused were safe-robbers, so it is alleged, and were under arrest by the two policemen at the time of the killing. An indictment for murder in the first degree was also returned against George B. Wil-mot, who, ten days ago, killed Charles C. Braxton, his friend, because of Braxton's alleged intimacy with Mrs. Wil-mot.

A Rich Iron Ore Find. Another rich find of iron ore is reported from the Anniston district, this time on the lands owned by J. M. Sproule, of Anniston, and Dr. Jones, the latter a citizen of Chicago, but who will soon come as Anniston to live. The ore is of the needle variety and very rich. Arrangements will be made as soon as Dr. Jones gets located in his new home to mine the product on a large scale.

Improvements at Courtland. The Round Lap Cotton Press company, at Courtland, has torn down the old Shaw building and have begun the erection of an office and large warehouse. Every indication points to the location of both an oil and cotton mill there at an early day. Men of ample capital are agitating the matter.

Courtland's Municipal Election. At Courtland the municipal election resulted in the choice of E. J. Simmons for mayor; Taylor Goodwin, Frank Aldridge, E. O. Campbell and W. L. Hockett for aldermen. W. T. Simmons, who has been city marshal for several years past, was re-elected.

A Negro Murdered. Joe Scott, colored, aged 22, was murdered at the home of Floyd Brown, colored, at Enon Ridge, near Birmingham, and the house set fire to by the man or men who committed the crime. Robbery appears to have been the motive.

Another Railroad. Gaunt Crebs, H. M. Noel and other capitalists of St. Louis have bought the charter of the old Alabama Black Band Iron, Coal and Railway company, including 20,000 acres of rich mineral land in the Paint Rock valley, and will build a railroad from Paint Rock thirty-five miles up the valley. The money has been raised and surveys of the route will begin next week.

Mr. Crebs and associates have endeavored to purchase the the Gurley and Paint Rock Valley for several years, but the owners of that road have enlisted new capital to build it.

Boy Killed by Horse. Willie Vinson, the 9-year-old son of H. J. Vinson, was kicked by the family horse, at Gadsden, and died from the effects an hour later. The boy was leading the horse to water and struck him with a hickory, as he had done hundreds of times before, but for some reason the horse kicked at the boy, striking him on the back of the head, at the base of the brain, rupturing a blood vessel and causing death soon afterward.

IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATS.

Kentucky Court of Appeals Declares Legislature's Action Final.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

The resignation of Webster Davis as Assistant Secretary of the Interior was accepted by Secretary McKim. He intends to lecture on behalf of the Boers.

Secretary Root said that it had been decided by the War Department not to establish a regular transport service between New York City and Manila.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Smith McPherson, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Secretary of War Root has decided that no franchises shall be granted in Porto Rico until a civil government has been established.

Governor Stenerson presented to Secretary Root a big petition from citizens of Idaho, urging that Federal troops be retained in the Cour d'Alene district.

Rear-Admiral Sampson said the preliminary test of the Kearsage proves her double turrets to be mighty engines of war, and that no ship afloat can withstand them.

Secretary Gage has submitted to the House a request for \$200,000 additional to the fund to prevent the introduction and spread of epidemic diseases.

The Senate statement of the expenditures of the army transport service during and since the war with Spain, showing that the total disbursement aggregated \$25,739,493.

The Shah of Persia has appointed Mofakham Ed Dowleh Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States. The Persian mission has been vacant for several years.

Senator Tamm's motion to strike out the tariff feature of the Porto Rican bill was defeated by a vote of 16 to 33.

The President nominated Captain Charles S. Cotton to be a Rear-Admiral.

Our Adopted Islands. The receipts of Cuba for January and February, 1900, amounted to \$2,772,619, an increase for the two months of 1900 over the same period of 1899 of \$77,655.

General Otis has approved a system of autonomous municipal government for the Philippine Islands under a native board to be provided over by Cayetano Arellano, President of the Audiencia.

The Supreme Court of Honolulu, Hawaii, cannot legally sit without a Chief Justice and Chief Justice Judd has resigned, the administration of justice is tied up.

The Supreme Court of Porto Rico has confirmed the sentences of death imposed on five natives for murder.

A new Cuban political party, combining the conservative elements in one organization, has been formed at Havana.

The Philippines Commission has agreed to remain in Manila instead of sending a member to study conditions in each of the military departments.

The military forces are assisting in the capture of the Philippine bandits, who are turned over to the local authorities for trial and punishment.

Domestic. There is much excitement at Jerome, Ariz., over a strange gold-bearing quartz, eight miles out, on United Verde and Potosi Road. A hole four feet deep has been made, and a sample assay is said to show \$2000 per ton.

Allen Brooks, the thirteen-year-old negro who assaulted Mrs. F. W. Hart near Bloomington, Ga., was taken to the scene of his crime, handcuffed and lynched.

The Nebraska courts have just held that a condemned prisoner who escapes from custody before being landed in the penitentiary cannot, if recaptured, be compelled to serve time equal to that spent at liberty.

The lynchers of Brandt O'Grady and Walter Cotton at Emporia, Va., will probably prevent the prosecution of Gray, after spending two days in examining witnesses, reported that no indictments could be found.

A Federal Grand Jury in Savannah, Ga., charged that a New York City man probably prevent the prosecution of Gray, after spending two days in examining witnesses, reported that no indictments could be found.

May Jane Demann, aged twenty-three, was arrested at Providence, R. I., charged with the murder of her infant son.

D. L. Dander, heir to a \$100,000 estate at Cortland, N. Y., threw himself in front of a train at Cortland, N. Y., and was killed.

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GRAND JURY STILL AT WORK.

The grand jury will continue the investigation of the Goebel assassination at Frankfort, Ky., during the week. About forty witnesses have been examined so far, and it is said that more than that number are on the list of those summoned who have not yet been heard. No report is expected before the latter part of the week. It is said that the names of several of the most important witnesses who have testified so far have not been disclosed, and the evidence has been jealously guarded.

Reunion at Shiloh Battlefield. Friday, the thirty-eighth anniversary of the great battle of Shiloh, near Corinth, Miss., where Grant and Albert Sidney Johnston struggled so valiantly for the mastery, was celebrated on the historic battlefield by a grand reunion of the blue and gray.

Federal veterans from Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and other northern and western states attended, with nearly every southern state was represented.

Foreign. Count Mouravieff, Foreign Minister at St. Petersburg, denies that Russia's relations with Japan are strained, and that war is imminent or expected.

It is announced that all the Rand mines have closed down, and the British are being expelled by the wholesale from the Transvaal.

The Queen's visit to Ireland has created a "boom" in Irish fabrics, and the demand for them is unprecedented.

One of the best-known lawyers in France, Maître des Esquais, has been arrested at Paris, for embezzling \$347,000, and has confessed his guilt.

The Chamber of Representatives at The Hague, Holland, decided by a vote of 65 to 20 to approve the Arbitration Convention.

The Italian Government has approved the reciprocity treaty with the United States arranged by Baron Pava and Commissioner Kasson.

Kuo Chung and Kuan Chang, members of the Tung-Hi-Yamen, the Chinese Foreign Office at Peking, have been nominated as Ministers to London and St. Petersburg, respectively.

The batter of a French torpedo boat exploded at Cherbourg, France, during forced draught trials, and two of the crew were terribly burned, two of them dying.

The safety of the French Ministry has been assured until after the Exposition by an agreement not to intern the Government further in the Chambers.

Russia is said to have demanded permission to land troops in Korea, and a conflict is possible as the result between Japan and Russia.

QUEEN VISITS IRELAND.

An Immense Throng Welcomes the British Sovereign to Dublin.

QUANT CEREMONY AT THE GATE.

Queen Victoria Drives Through Miles of Cheering Spectators—A Stately Scene With Reproduction of Old Time Ceremony at the City Gates—Not One Untoward Incident.

DUBLIN (By Cable).—For the first time since 1861—thirty-nine years—Queen Victoria landed on the soil of Ireland a few days ago. Despite the rain of the previous day splendid weather greeted the do-barkation from the royal yacht and only a slight shower later in the day marred the occasion. The crowds were immense, and not a discordant note was heard on any side. Nothing except cheers and "God Save the Queen" filled the air from Kings-town to the Vice-Regal Lodge in Dublin.

At the Vice-Regal Lodge Earl and Countess Cadogan, who had met the royal party at Kings-town, had taken a special train back, not leaving in the procession, welcomed the sovereign to their Irish home.

No sooner had the Queen arrived at the Vice-Regal Lodge and lunch than she drove out again in Phoenix Park, being cheered constantly along the line. It is understood that she expressed herself as

being very pleased with the reception and as having suffered no fatigue.

Before landing the Queen, who looked remarkably well, asked for a bunch of shamrocks. These were obtained, and throughout the day she wore them pinned upon her breast.

The most interesting ceremony of the day took place at the city limits, where an ancient gate and castle towers had been reproduced for the occasion. On the city side were the Lord Mayor and Council in blue and silver, the mace-bearers in blue and silver, and several hundred of the best-known Irish, who were provided with seats on the stands.

Thousands of spectators eagerly awaited the coming of the Queen. Shortly before her arrival the Pursuivant-at-Arms, wearing a gorgeous cape of Royal Heraldry, galloped up to the Lord Mayor and asked permission for the entrance of the Queen. Gravely, and in equally worded terms of request, the Lord Mayor granted the request. Back galloped the Pursuivant-at-Arms, the gate banging behind him.

Although the aged beacons, zigzag out of the occasion, were costumed from the days of the Tudors, the Queen herself, the Queen's Theatre, could scarcely be called around, the whole scene was a counterpart of a sixteenth century play.

In the five minutes when the gate came a fanfare of trumpets. The Queen was in sight. Out upon a scarlet cloth, laid light-blue upon the muddy road, stepped the Lord Mayor, the Corporation, in fact, and robes glowing in the bright sunshine and their wands and maces flashing brilliantly.

The gate creaked open. The Earl of Denbigh rode through, and then came the Life Guards. Behind them were earlages containing the Home Secretary, Sir Matthew White-Ryder, the Dublin Corporation, and her daughters, accompanied by members of the court and attended by mounted querries, and then more Life Guards.

Finally, amid almost perfect silence, save for the echo of cheers and cries of "God save the Queen" from outside the city limits, came the Queen herself. The moment Her Majesty passed the gate enthusiasm broke loose; bands played, men cheered, shouts and songs, all mingled, and the women waved their handkerchiefs and struggled to get a better view, many of them even weeping.

In the five minutes when the Queen was receiving and answering the address of welcome there was scarcely a lull in the frantic cheering from the crowds. Frequently Her Majesty rose from the carriage and shook hands with the people, and she scarcely ceased nodding during the entire nine-mile drive. After the Lady Mayoress had presented the Queen to the Queen the procession moved on.

In the evening the Queen, through Sir Arthur Bigge, her private secretary, sent to the Lord Mayor the message saying that she was not over-fatigued by the morning's drive and had been deeply touched and gratified by the welcome she had received. The message closed as follows: "Her Majesty looks forward with much pleasure to her stay in Ireland."

SHOT AT PRINCE OF WALES. Belgian Youth Fired Twice at Him in Brussels Station.

BRUSSELS (By Cable).—Just as the Prince of Wales's train, bearing him to Copenhagen for the purpose of attending the celebration of King Christian's birthday, was putting out of the Northern Station a sixteen-year-old tinsmith named Sildro sprang upon the footboard of the carriage and fired two shots through the window at the Prince. Neither shot took effect.

Sildro was immediately arrested. His pockets were found to be full of Anarchist literature. Sildro said he wanted to kill the Prince of Wales "because he caused the deaths of men to be slaughtered in South Africa."

The Prince of Wales appeared quite unaffected by the incident. He asked whether the revolver was loaded, and on being informed in the affirmative, smiled and begged that the culprit might not be treated too severely.

Classed With Horse Thieves. Bicycle thieves received a severe blow in the Court of General Sessions at Columbia, S. C. Wheels have been stolen with great frequency in the city. When captured heretofore the thieves have been taken before a magistrate and have escaped with thirty days on the chain gang.

But a newspaper man who caught a thief and him sent to the higher court. The man pleaded guilty and Judge Bonnet announced that he classed bicycle and horse stealing in the same category because both could be ridden, and sentenced the criminal to five years' imprisonment at hard labor.

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RHODE ISLAND REPUBLICANS. They Elect Their State Ticket by About 10,000 Plurality.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (Special).—The State election, contrary to expectations, was devoid of the usual election excitement characteristic of a Presidential year. The Republicans elected their entire State ticket by a plurality of about 10,000.

The next General Assembly will be overthrown by the Republicans. The Democrats made a gain in the general vote over that of last year. They succeeded in lulling the four out of the General Assembly in Woonsocket and two in Newport.

Following is the State ticket elected: Governor, William Grexory, Lieutenant-Governor, Charles Dean Kimball; Secretary of State, Charles P. Bonnett; Attorney-General, Willard B. Tanser; General Treasurer, Walter A. Road.

Election to Office Killed Him. John Sargent received the news that he had been elected Supervisor of Massillon, Ohio. He went home and died of apoplexy. The news of his victory, which came unexpectedly, killed him. Mr. Sargent leaves a wife and two children. He was sixty years old.

Boer Prisoners' High Death Rate. The condition of the Boer prisoners at Simonstown, Cape Colony, is deplorable. The medical authorities seem unable to cope with the spread of typhoid fever. The dead are buried with much respect as the exigencies of the place admit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Senator of the Fifteenth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Shelby, Chilton and Elmore, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

L. H. REYNOLDS.

FOR LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the lower House of the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Populist primary of Shelby county, Alabama, to be held April 28th, 1900. I shall make the race on the following platform, to-wit: I am for honest elections, I am an uncompromising middle of the road Populist. I favor honest co-operation with other parties. I am opposed specially to the stock law as enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county, I am opposed to the road law enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am in favor of a dispensary for all incorporated towns and cities, under the proper control of the county commissioners court. I am in favor of better public schools and longer terms in the country districts. I am in favor of low taxes. That only enough be levied to meet the requirements of the government, economically administered.

Respectfully,

B. W. BRAND.

We the undersigned hereby announce the candidacy of G. B. Deans for representative in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary, April 28, 1900:

J. F. Hill,	Beat 1	J. W. Spearman,	Beat 9
G. W. Lowery,	9	F. M. McEwen,	9
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R. F. COX.

The friends of W. D. Lacey announce him as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce W. A. Tallant as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce L. J. Carden for Treasurer of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary election to be held on the 28th day of April, 1900.

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Tom Reed's latest name for President McKinley, "The Emperor of Expediency," deserves to stick. It is a perfect fit.

There is one stimulant that even a teetotaler is excusable for imbibing at every opportunity—the talk of an original and brainy woman.

Whacks for the administration are coming from all quarters. The Japanese newspapers are accusing it of having broken pledges in Hawaii.

If the glass it sells was as hard to break as the glass trust, which is now being fought in the Indiana courts, its profits would be smaller and its enemies fewer.

The Oregon Republicans are indulging in exchange of compliments. Ex-Senator Mitchell says that Senator Simon is "a sensational prevaricator."

Having got their second wind, the Boers are making it plain to the English that the war is by no means over, and emphasizing the information by the capture of English guns.

We suspect that when the title of a new book, "The Greatest Gift," was chosen the author was thinking of the Presidency, which the Republicans have by their blunders given to the Democrats.

Representative Richardson has offered a resolution in the House calling for information as to receipts for war taxes, with a view to compelling the republicans to agree to a reduction of those taxes.

Senators who recently visited Cuba say they found a universal sentiment among the Cubans in favor of the early establishment of the Republic of Cuba; but McKinley seems in no hurry to do it.

The president of the Porto Rican Tobacco Company, says that fifteen per cent, tariff will shut Porto Rican tobacco out of the United States. That isn't a very nice way to treat our new territory, but it is what the trusts desire.

The only objection we have heard to a primary is that fraud can be committed and there is no remedy.—Chronicle.

And there is no one that knows a Democrat will steal a vote better than a Democrat does.

The Southern Alliance, of Asheville, Ala., has changed hands. W. S. Griffith, retiring from journalism and D. W. Watson is now at the helm piloting that journal on its future course. Mr. Watson has in the past been assistant pilot in the steering of the Alliance.

Speaker Henderson doesn't falter at a little thing like insulting a few Senators when it becomes necessary to head off a Republican stampede in Iowa, by writing a letter or two. Only two Senators have votes in Iowa, and they sleep in the same bunk with Henderson.

Talladega county committed a flagrant fraud in the last congressional primary, and she went down in ignominiously defeat under its weight.—Chronicle.

Yes, and the fourth congressional district committed the same fraud in the three last elections, and where is she Democratically.

The Populist party is not divided it is for a straight ticket, some good men have left its ranks, it is true, to the Democratic party, and some to the Republican party. But there has been a great many good and influential men who have joined the Populist party from the Democratic and Republican parties.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, thinks the best way to head off the imperialistic tendency to set up a big standing army, is to encourage the national guard and make all citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five liable to service therein. He has introduced a bill appropriating \$4,000,000 annually for the equipment and support of the national guards of the several states.

There has been found over in Georgia a county called Echols, and in that county today, and long has not been a single lawyer. The county has never had a county court, because it had no lawyer who could be appointed to a county judgeship, and when the superior court convenes it meets only to adjourn its term. There is no crime and no litigation. If this fact is due to there being no lawyers in the county, or whether it is due to the condition of the people, it is not known.

The condition of affairs are just as favorable now to the Peoples party as they were in 1896, if not more so. It is true that two new Reform parties have sprung into existence since then, but they would not have been formed had it not been feared that the Peoples party would repeat the error that was allowed to creep into their camp in 1896. Now that the Peoples party has a Presidential ticket in the field, it is probable that the Union Reform party will not insist on putting a ticket in the field, but will unite with the Peoples party, and would let them have their name if needed rather than be led into the Democratic party.

Primary Election.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Executive Committee of the Populist Party of Shelby county, a Primary election is hereby ordered and called for the 28th day of April, 1900, to select candidates for Representative in the lower House of the General Assembly of Alabama, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Treasurer, Commissioner for First District, and two Justices of the Peace and one constable for each precinct in the county. Under the resolutions adopted by the Committee all Populists who have heretofore affiliated and supported the Populist ticket shall be allowed to vote, and elections shall only be held at the regular voting places in each beat. The Executive Committee of each beat are the managers, and they shall open the polls at 8 a. m. and keep the same open until 5 p. m., the votes shall then be counted and tally sheets signed and sealed up and delivered to one of the managers, and by him delivered to the Executive Committee, which is hereby called to meet in Columbia on the 5th day of May for the purpose of canvassing the returns, and declaring the results and selecting delegates to the various conventions.

J. P. PEARSON, Chairman.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee at its last meeting:

Resolved, 1, That the Executive Committee of each Beat shall hold a primary election at each voting place in Shelby county on the 28th of April by opening the polls at 8 a. m. and keeping them open until 5 p. m.

Resolved, 2, That any candidate shall have the right to name a manager to assist the Executive Committee in conducting the election.

Resolved, 3, That at said primary election all Populists who have heretofore affiliated and supported the Populist ticket, or who has arrived at the age of 21, or will do so before the August election shall be allowed to participate.

J. T. FINLEY, J. P. PEARSON, Secretary, Chairman.

A College We Want.

Mr. Aldrich, of Alabama, has submitted to Congress a bill for the establishment of a "diplomatic, consular and civil service college, at or near Washington, D. C." This measure proposes to educate candidates for the civil service, especially for the consular and diplomatic branches thereof, just as the nation educates aspirants for the naval and military service—the object being to get the business of the government into the hands of well trained men. Mr. Aldrich proposes that appointments to the projected civil service college be made "on the same general plan as appointments of cadets are now made to the military and naval academies of the United States." Appointees must stand an examination for admission and will, while at college receive compensation. Upon graduation they will be nominated to vacancies in diplomatic, consular or civil service. A commission, made up of the Secretary of State, three members of the House and three Senators, is, at the next session of Congress, to report a measure to carry the proposed scheme into execution. The time has come in America's National life when some practicable system must be devised for the selection of suitable men for the public service, by some other test than partizan activity. Nowhere else has the partizan system of appointments worked such injury and distress as in this consular service. Notorious, ineradicable unfitness has been, in too many cases, the chief commendation of candidates for this important portion of the nation's business.

If we need experts in the arts of war we need them quite as much in the arts of peace. No government can afford to dispense, in the case of its servants, with the educational requirements demanded by all other employers. The proposed measure will, if passed into law, take some "plums" from Congressmen, but the sober, sound common sense of self-respecting American citizenship will, recognizing it as a genuine measure of progress and of national development, welcome its incorporation into the Statute Book of the Republic.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, Friday April 6.

The bouquets tossed at Secretary Hay by the London press would be sufficient, if there were not other and weightier reasons, to prove that he is an American Secretary after the Englishman's own heart.

The citizen of Shelby county have announced the name of G. B. Deans as a candidate for the Legislature. We are glad to see this, as Mr. Deans is one of the strongest men in the party, and the Populist should nominate their strong men and make a straight fight on their principles.—Southern Alliance.

Vandiver.

The following is composed and written in loving remembrance of our dear brother and friend, A. J. O'Barr, who departed this life on March 31st, 1900. Brother O'Barr was 67 years old, and a devoted member of the church for the last 50 years of his life. First a Missionary Baptist for 27 years, during that time he served as church clerk. Then he joined the Freewill Baptist church and was clerk there the remainder of his life. The following is dedicated to his remembrance:

We mourn the loss of one who love, So kind, so good and so true, Whose daily walk through life, Was mottoed to endure.

A ready, willing, helping hand, Illumine the twilight gray, For such has been the life of him, Our loved one called away.

The human heart is sore oppressed, To know that we must part, No lips could frame in words the grief That dwells within the heart.

The roses blossom, bloom and die, Their sweetness cannot stay, Just so death hastened to the tomb, Our loved one passed away.

Great and good, beloved by all, A noble life has ended, And many hearts are filled with grief, For many he befriended.

And so we shed the tears of love, This consolation given, To know that he is happy now, His soul is safe in Heaven.

Then again April 7, the Angel of Death visited our vicinity and called to rest little Clarence Saiser, babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Saiser. We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives in this their greatest bereavement.

H. M. A.

Reduced Rates via Southern.

The Southern Railway announces reduced rates from points on its line for the following occasions:

General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 17-25, 1900, tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, selling date May 15 to 17 inclusive, with final limit to return May 26th.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church Atlanta, Ga., May 17-26. Tickets will be sold on May 15, 16 and 17, limited to return May 29, at one fare for round trip.

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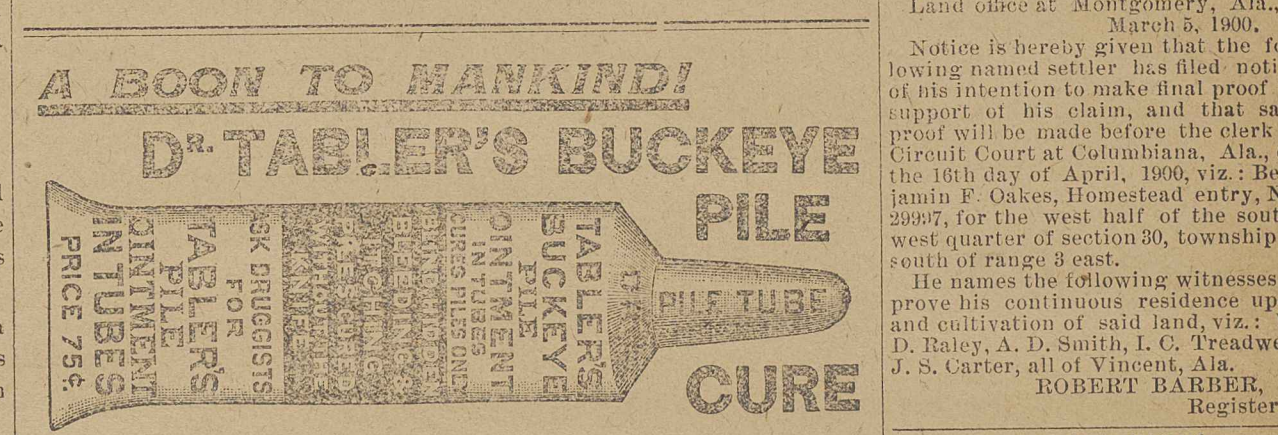
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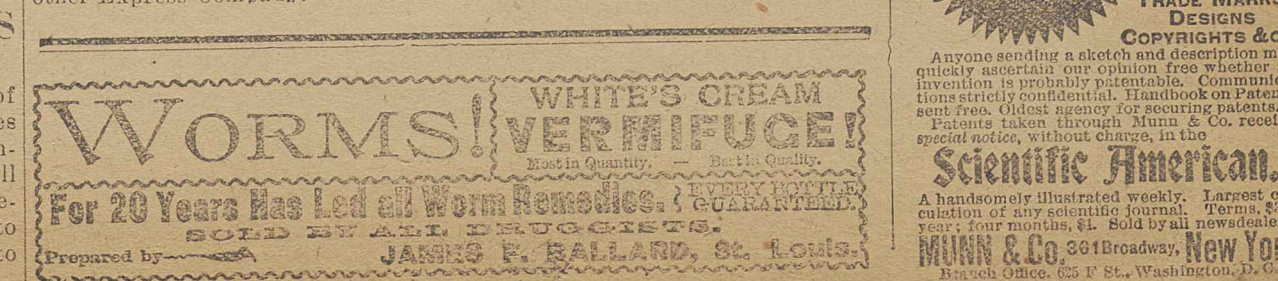
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Notice No. 21171.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Montgomery, Ala.,

March 5, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on the 18th day of April, 1900, viz.: Benjamin F. Oakes, Homestead entry, No. 23997, for the west half of the southwest quarter of section 30, township 18 south of range 3 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his claim and residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: W. D. Raley, A. D. Smith, I. C. Treadwell, J. S. Carter, all of Vincent, Ala.

ROBERT BARBER, Register.

Notice No. 21211.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

LAND OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY.

Montgomery, Ala., March 31, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on May 14, 1900, viz.: Wm. L. Brasher, Homestead entry, No. 23817, for the southwest quarter of section 2, township 18 south of range 1 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. L. Vandiver, E. R. Ishell, J. L. Stout, John McMinn, all of Vandiver, Ala.

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Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

April shows are in order. The fishing season has opened. Phillip Erick spent Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

Picnics will soon be in order for the young folks.

Mrs. J. T. Cromwell was on the sick list last week.

Miss Lola Strickland is visiting relatives at Centerville.

Bufo Riddle, of East Saginaw, was in the city Saturday.

John Averytt, of Shelby, was in town a short while Monday.

Jim Vest, of Montevallo, was in town several days last week.

Several new wheels have made their appearance in our city.

S. W. Pardue, of Longview, paid us a pleasant call Saturday.

Robert O'Hara spent yesterday in Montgomery on business.

J. L. Ray, of Willsonville, was in town the first of the week.

H. A. Wilson, of Verbena, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. C. J. Christian, of Shelby, visited relatives here last week.

A full line of crockery at J. H. HAMMOND.

Forest Oats, of Pelham, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

John Porter, of Blocton, visited relative here the first of the week.

E. S. Lyman and W. S. Cary, of Montevallo, were in the city Monday.

Mrs. W. M. Calohan, of Thomasville, is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Pauline Nelson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Shelby.

T. J. Martin and W. W. Wallace, Jr., of Harpersville, were in the city Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Thomas, of Wilsonville, spent Saturday here with relatives.

J. H. Hammond is having his residence on West College street recovered.

Miss Lizzie Horton spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks on Yellow Leaf.

Mrs. W. S. DuBose returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in West Alabama.

Supt. Eugene Williams, of Vincent, was in town last Saturday paying off teachers.

Mrs. F. W. Gist and children left last Friday for Jemison where they will in the future reside.

Princess Royal molasses put up in three and five gallon cans for sale cheap at J. H. HAMMOND.

Misses Alva Nicholls and Kate Seabrook, of Childersburg, spent Tuesday in the city with friends.

Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Roberts who have been visiting friends in Montgomery, returned home last Thursday.

Horace Hammond, who has been at home sick with the measles, returned to his work in Birmingham Saturday.

Mrs. M. S. Strickland, who has been visiting relatives in the city returned to her home at Centerville last week.

Mrs. B. F. Bass and Miss Willie Maud Brown, of Carrollton, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Dr. Rowe on East College street.

Cuts, wounds, burns, sprains and bruises quickly heal if you apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale at Williams Bros.

Gardening is the order of the day in our city now that the warm spring days have been prevailing during the past week.

We don't claim to sell you goods below cost, but will sell them cheap enough and give you what you pay for.

Now that the weather has cleared up and the sun has been shining for the past few days, the farmers have had a chance to plant their crops.

Duran & Co., are leaders in flour, hay, corn, oats, etc. Call and see them.

Those horrid fits of depression, melancholy, low spirits and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, is due to the blood being permeated with bile. Herbine will purify the blood, and restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

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HONOR ROLL OF Columbiana Public School, for Month Ending April 6.

First Grade—Bessie Barnett, Bessie Trent, Celia McMillan, Mallie Morgan, Alice Barnett, Mary Strickland, Willie Longshore, Ronda Pitts, Alger Robertson. Second Grade—Johnnie Barnett, Mary McMillan, Kate Morgan, Clarence Nelson, John Nelson. Third Grade—Edith DuBose, Luther Saxon. Fourth Grade—Emma Strickland, Lavonia Tinney, Lois Mason, Olive May Nelson, Myra Browne, Nena Millstead, Erma Elliott, Mildred White, Dinnie Mae Rowe, Eva Pitts, Onie Saxon, Frank Mason. Fifth Grade—Annie Longshore, Ina Sinnott, Mamie Millstead, Joe Page, Taylor Finley. Sixth Grade—Arthur Armstrong, Chester Browne, Margaret Browne, Mary Peters, Zemina Pitts, Clara Pitts, Silton Nelson, Etta Robertson, Ethel Millstead, Emma Strickland, Linnie Seale, A. P. Longshore Jr., Rufus O'Hara, Pam Pitts. Seventh Grade—Annie Finley, Lizzie Sinnott. Eighth Grade—Oza Hammond, Lallage Longshore, Carrie Rowe, Lizzie Horton, Pierce Mason, W. J. Bird, W. R. Hale. F. MYNATT, Principal.

Sentences Passed.

Circuit court adjourned last Friday after holding a session of three weeks. The last week of the session being criminal docket week of the term. The Judge before adjourning the Spring term of court passed sentence on the following: Charlie Ledbetter, white, bigamy, five years in the penitentiary. Henry Peoples, col., bigamy, two years in the penitentiary. Isaac Cobb, col., manslaughter, three years in the penitentiary. Will Bradford, assault with intent to murder, three years in the penitentiary. Charlie Cary, of Montevallo, was in the city yesterday. Lion and Princess Coffee at 8 pounds for \$1.00 at DURAN & Co.

Walter O'Hara has accepted a position with the Southern Railway as telegraph operator at Ardella.

For coughs and colds there is no medicine so effective as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It is the ideal remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

With next Sunday Easter, the Lenten season will end, and the young folks will dawn themselves out in their Easter robes.

Tobacco by the cady at less than factory prices at J. H. HAMMOND.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take Herbine; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

E. J. Gilbert, who has been working in the Probate office here for several months, returned to his home at Coalville last Saturday.

On going to press news reaches us that the high wind on Tuesday night did a good deal of damage in the upper part of the county.

Fresh Mince Meat at 5 cents a pound at DURAN & Co.

Rev. T. P. Roberts filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m., and Rev. H. M. Millstead preached at the evening service.

On last Sunday about 8:30 p. m., Mrs. Jim Joiner, who has been suffering from a long illness breathed last. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her death.

Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they cannot be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

The firm of Morrow & Garrett has been dissolved, Walter Morrow having purchased Elvin Garrett's interest. In the future the blacksmith business will be continued at the old stand of Morrow & Garrett by Walter Morrow.

Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's quiet health. These sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with Whites Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

No 1 Parlor matches at 5 cents per dozen at J. H. HAMMOND'S.

Vincent.

The measles are still spreading and they are the worst form I have ever seen. Jno. Kidd is recovering from an attack and little Elora Kidd is quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Anna Edwards, of Sylacauga, visited her parents here last week.

Mrs. W. A. Brown returned to Sylacauga Saturday after an extended visit to her old home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beavers, of Columbiana, visited relatives in our town last week.

Prof. C. H. Florey and family visited Harpersville last Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Blankenship is on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Rubie Kidd and Nannie Davis are having a tussle with the measles. Hope they will come out victorious.

Miss Nellie Kidd's school at Chancelor's has closed for this term, and we are glad to have her at home among us again.

Supt. Williams' horse ran away with his wagon the other day and completely demolished it before he stopped.

We are indebted to Messrs. Morrell, Tucker, Fulwider and McCarty for a delightful serenade; the bass violin, violin, mandolin and guitar are certainly sweet together and the musicians handle them well.

Conductor Roberts came home with a mashed foot Monday. Hope it is not serious.

Dr. A. E. McGraw attended the tent meeting at Sylacauga Saturday and Sunday last.

Billie McCarty and family, of Talladega, are visiting their parents this week.

Mrs. Mary Williams has been very sick, but is improving.

Mr. Editor, you mixed up my little poetic quotation from "Maude Muller" last week. What was the matter? Worried over some love affair, no doubt. Perhaps the sentiments will suit you, so I quote again:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest of these, it might have been."

QUID NUNC.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—it soon removed the pain in my chest and now I sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praise throughout the universe. So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Hall Drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

A Card of Thanks.

To the relatives and friends of Columbiana, I heartily thank you all for the kindness and assistance shown me through the illness of my husband, which was but a short while, both colored and white people who so willingly helped. May God add a blessing to you all.

MOLLIE McCLANAHAN.

In this issue will be found the announcement of L. H. Reynolds for State Senator from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Shelby, Chilton and Elmore. Mr. Reynolds is a wide-awake and a progressive man, and if he is honored by the voters of the district to be their representative in the State Senate he will do all in his power for his constituents.

We learn that a difficulty occurred at Shelby Springs Wednesday between W. J. Nelson and Powell Blair, there has been of long standing a family feud between the parties, and yesterday morning resulted in the shooting of Wiley Nelson by Powell Blair. We did not learn whether Nelson's wound was fatal or not.

We call the attention of our readers to the large advertisement of the Columbiana Mercantile Co. A perusal of the "Ad." is well worth the time, as they are offering some Spring bargains.

REMEMBER That I carry a large and complete stock of

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES Which I will sell cheaper than you will find elsewhere. So call on me at the Moore corner.

JOHN H. HAMMOND.

Longview Snaps.

J. P. Hawkins went to Wetumpka Thursday on business.

Ira L. Logan went to Anniston last Wednesday on business.

Geo. L. Scott went to Calera Saturday.

Mr. Davis went south to see the girls Sunday. This is his first trip. We hope he had a good time.

Mr. Hicks, night watchman here, made a business trip to Ganadard Thursday.

Joe Atkinson and J. P. Hawkins are on the sick list this week.

George went to see his best girl Sunday afternoon.

Ed. Aldridge, of Calera, is spending a few days here with the operators this week.

Guy Montgomery went to Birmingham Thursday.

H. C. Hale went to see his intended Sunday and stayed until a very late hour Sunday night. He must have lost another saddle. Clay if you don't mind you are going to loose that red hat and then Miss Annie wont let you come to see her any more.

NELLIE.

Campbranch Happenings.

A. J. Holcombe and wife, of Calera, were the guests of Walter Ozley Sunday.

Newton Foust is still very sick.

Joe McClinton, of Spring Creek, accompanied by his sister, Miss Nellie and Miss Ada Wyatt, attended services here Sunday.

Mrs. Callie Jones has been quite sick for several days.

Rev. E. E. Emerson filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. L. B. Foust has been quite sick for the past few days.

A. M. Piper, of Aldrich, spent Sunday here with homefolks.

Bernard Finley, of Columbiana, visited his brother Will, here Sunday. Come again Bernard.

E. R. Piper was in your town one day last week attending court.

Mr. Brand, candidate for the Legislature, was in our community last week canvassing, we suppose, but we can not endorse Mr. Brand's platform in full, as we are in favor of some things that his platform opposes.

Joe Brooker, of Saginaw, was in our community Sunday. Guess he was deer hunting.

J. W. Nabors visited friends at Elliottville Sunday.

Two of our young men must have some one very attractive to them, as they had to go Sunday evening as rainy as it was. Guess it must have been a pretty girl.

BETTY.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Hall Drug store.

FOURMILE.

Health not good.

Mrs. Miner is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Finley is very ill at this writing.

Miss Eva Farr went to Wilsonville Sunday.

H. T. Taylor, of near Wilsonville, was here a few hours Sunday.

W. J. Miner was the happy escort of Miss Cora Rogers Sunday evening.

Mrs. Stamps paid Mrs. Lyon a visit Sunday.

We are glad to state that E. B. Lyon, who has been very ill for the past two weeks is able to be up.

Miss Elma Farr gave Miss Louella Lyon a short visit Sunday.

Say J. W., how was your singing Sunday evening?

Rev. Holbridge filled his regular appointment at Blue Springs Sunday morning.

We are glad to state that there will be a singing at Fourmile next Sunday morning before preaching, and also in the afternoon. Everybody come and bring somebody with them.

We learn that one of our boys have started to school in your city, we wish him success.

I think from the way one of our boys goes up the road we will get to eat some yellow bread before long. What about it boys?

LITTLE LULA.

Stark is selling out at cost. Go and see him before buying elsewhere.

SPRING 1900.

In extending an invitation to the trade to inspect our Spring Stock, we take pleasure in announcing that we are prepared to offer without question the largest and most complete and most desirable assortment ever shown by a retail Dry Goods House and maintain our reputation for best quality AT LOWEST PRICES.

We were fore-handed enough to make large purchases before the abrupt advance, thus placing us in a position to favor you on goods necessary to your success in life.

NEW WASH FABRICS. For the Spring of 1900. We are enabled to show the greatest line of wash fabrics ever shown in Columbiana, it comprises the latest and newest fabrics produced, in foreign and domestic goods, and you will find a great many exclusive designs and fabrics not to be found elsewhere. We append a partial list of the favorites: Sappho Dimity.....20 Dephadee Dimity.....10 Venecian Stripes.....25 Satin Plaid figured Organdie.....25 Cordine Muslinet.....12 Kohlmoor Lawns.....16 A. P. C. Madras in plaids.....12 French Madras.....10

Notion Department. This department is complete in every respect. We are always in the front with the latest novelties. Umbrellas. We have all the latest styles, prices ranging from 50c to \$3.00

Staple Dry Goods. Percales from 7 to 12 1/2 cents a yard. Best quality prints 5 cents a yard. Yard wide, seaming, in remnants from 2 to 10 yard in piece, 5 cents a yard. Lot of remnant Calicoes at 4 cents a yard. Yard wide Suting, in remnants 5 cents a yard. We still sell Aprons, gingham at 5 a yard.

Laces and Embroideries. You will find our line complete. Prices of Embroidery ranging from 5 cents a yard up. Embroidery and Lace Allovers for waists and fronts from 40 cents to \$1.50 per yard. Valenciene Lace from 2 cents a yard up. Silk Laces in all widths and colors.

Gents' Furnishings. Everything is strictly up to date in style. Handsome Silk Bosom Shirts from .60c to \$1.25 Necktie Shirts.....40c up Working Shirts.....25c to 50c 4-ply Linen Collar.....10c Also a beautiful line of Neckwear at all prices.

Spring and Summer Dress Goods. We have a beautiful line at prices that cannot be duplicated. Note a few specialties: Hamilton Cashmere, double width, per yard.....15c All Wool Cashmere, from .20 to .25 All Wool Henrietta.....35 to 40 Silk Warp Henrietta, per yd.....90

SILK DEPARTMENT. Fine, complete in every detail. Assortment larger than ever before, quality the best, prices the lowest, ranging from 35c to \$1.50 per yard.

White Goods Department. Check Muslin, per yard.....5 1/2 Plain Lawn, per yard.....5 1/2 40-inch Plain Lawn, per yard.....10 1/2 Dimity Lawn from.....10 to 25 Pe-Kas from.....10 to 25

WE ALSO CARRY A FULL LINE OF Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Tinware and Furniture, Which you can buy from us at a very low price. Don't forget that we still sell 8 LBS. OF ARBUCKLES, LYONS, CORDOVA COFFEES FOR \$1.00. We also have the exclusive sale of the Florence Wagons. Don't Forget that We give a Nice Piece of Toilet Chinaware to every Customer spending \$2.00 in Cash. COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE CO.

Weather for the Week. Generally clear on the 12th with a tendency to be slightly cooler. The nights will be cool, but there will hardly be danger of frost except in the more northern sections. On the evening of the 12th clouding, followed on the 13th to 16th by a succession of thunder storms, with a tendency to cyclonic conditions about the 15th or 16th. Clear or partly cloudy on the 16th and 17th and slightly cooler, although it will remain warm.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap? A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Bosehe's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, allays inflammation, cause easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

A Nice Girl. Nellie—"Why do you always buy two kinds of note paper?" Elma—"Well, you see, when I write to Jim I use red paper—that means love—and when I write to John I use blue paper—which means faithful and true."

That Throbbing Headache Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cts. Money back if not cured. Sold by Hall Druggist.

Siluria Smiles. Owing to the beautiful weather the farmers are very busy arranging to plant their crops. Charlie Nickerson, general agent for the Incandescent Wick Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., paid Siluria friends a dying visit last week. J. M. Shoemaker made a business trip to Birmingham last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Walker are in Birmingham visiting their son, Arthur, who is in the infirmary on account of having his leg broken. We wish him a speedy recovery. Quite a number of our young people attended the commencement at South Side Institute last week. All claimed to have enjoyed the occasion very much. Mrs. Babe Payne, accompanied by her son, Cosco and daughter, Miss Myrtle, attended the funeral of Wm. Payne near Pelham last week. Gus McBride, of Cedar Grove, was with homefolks a few days last week. Miss Lillie Butler accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Rush, returned to their homes at Dolomite last week, after a pleasant visit among friends and relatives near this place. We are pleased to know that their sister, Miss Laura will remain for several days. W. H. Blanks, a prominent employee of the L. & N. R. Co., at this place visited relatives in Opelika last week. Joe Crawford, who has been employed by the Shoemaker Lumber Co., for quite a while left a few days since, and has not been heard of as yet. We suppose it will be O. K. with Bruce if he now returns, as he was about to win his best girl. J. D. Butler anticipating leaving this place soon for Prattville Junction to accept a position as night telegraph operator. Brant Nickerson has been greatly troubled since Miss Lillie left with something like heart disease. All who have been love-sick are in sympathy with him, and we hope some one will suggest a remedy that will effect a permanent cure, as the poor child has had several attacks previous to this one. Kin, Sold by Columbiana Mercantile Co.

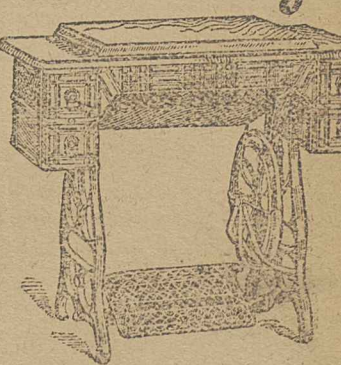
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perhaps the most remarkable thing I saw in our line while abroad," remarked a buyer for a woolen house who has recently returned from a trip through England, Germany and France, "was a machine that shrinks presses and finishes cloths simultaneously. It makes superfluous the sponging process and does away entirely with the necessity of dry pressing. It is the latest invention of a man who has carried the textile processes the nearest to perfection of any people on the face of the globe, and seems to be the very last thing needed in our line of manufacture. German inventive faculty seems to be best shown in the textile line, and the people who devote themselves to it are away ahead of even the experts of our own country, whose bent seems in other directions. The new machines are in use in Germany, England and the world, and they were devised to do seems to be done with rare perfection. It means quite a saving in the manufacture of the fine grades of cloth, but it will have no effect on prices that the consumer will feel the benefit of."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Senator of the Fifteenth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Shelby, Chilton and Elmore, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

L. H. REYNOLDS.

FOR LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the lower House of the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Populist primary of Shelby county, Alabama, to be held April 28th, 1900. I shall make the race on the following platform, to-wit: I am for honest elections, I am an uncompromising middle of the road Populist, I favor honest co-operation with other parties. I am opposed specially to the stock law as enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county, I am opposed to the road law enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am in favor of a dispensary for all incorporated towns and cities, under the proper control of the county commissioners court. I am in favor of better public schools and longer terms in the country districts. I am in favor of low taxes. That only enough be levied to meet the requirements of the government, economically administered.

Respectfully,
B. W. BRAND.

We the undersigned hereby announce the candidacy of G. B. Deans for representative in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary, April 28, 1900:
J. T. Finley, beat 1 J. H. Mason, beat 1
A. F. Carden, " 8 T. B. Holcombe, " 8
E. J. Gilbert, " 8 J. B. Blackberry, " 8
J. T. Wilder, " 8 J. T. Wilder, " 8
J. L. Gardner, " 8 L. W. Cheser, " 8
J. J. Sewel, " 11 W. M. Allen, " 12
Sol Adams, " 16 D. Spearman, " 9
W. A. Stone, " 9 W. B. Morgan, " 1

We the undersigned hereby endorse the candidacy of Hon. G. B. Deans and ask him to make the race for representative.

Beat.	Beat.
J. F. Hill, 9	J. W. Spearman, 9
G. W. Lowery, 9	F. M. McEwen, 9
J. S. Jackson, 9	Farmer Bridges, 9
J. T. McEwen, 9	J. E. Jackson, 9
M. M. Robertson, 10	

FOR SHERIFF.

The Advocate is authorized to announce Henry W. Parker as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce James S. Vest as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary April 28th.

R. F. COX.

The friends of W. D. Lacey announce him as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce W. A. Tallant as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce L. J. Carden for Treasurer of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary election to be held on the 28th day of April, 1900.

JNO. S. PITTS.

We are authorized to announce M. S. Wilson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The Advocate is authorized to announce J. M. Crenshaw for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce L. R. Kendrick for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce H. L. D. Phillips for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce E. T. Brasher as a candidate for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

Queen Victoria evidently believes in the efficacy of blarneying the Irish.

Boss Hanna will pay the freight on one or more independent Presidential tickets this year.

It may be, after all, necessary for Great Britain to have a large army to conquer the Boers in South Africa.

With all due respect to Admiral Dewey, we beg to remark that Democrats who never vote are of no practical benefit to the party.

It will be a little difficult to convince ice consumers, who have to pay double what they paid last year, that trusts reduce prices.

From the newspaper reports Morgan has carried Alabama, the Gulf of Mexico and the Philippine Islands.

The Populists of Alabama should send their best men to the State Convention which meets on the 2d of May.

The Populist of Georgia have finally landed in the Middle-of-the-Road, there is no other place, let us have a full Presidential ticket.

Wonders never cease. Otis says that he has the Filipinos whipped into submission; but he needs more troops to keep them whipped.

Those who had the Boers all disposed must have been very much surprised at the news of the past few days, showing their aggressive successes.

A count of noses having shown that the Nicaragua treaty could not be ratified, its supporters in the Senate have decided to let it go over to the next session.

Teddy is said to have asked Boss Hanna to help him get re-nominated for governor of New York, instead of forcing him to become the tail of the McKinley kite.

Residents of Manila can hardly be expected to regard American rule as a blessing when they have to pay higher prices for food than were paid when it was blockaded.

From the best information that we can get Col. Samford, of Lee, is far in the lead for Governor, he is a strong man and stands a good chance of receiving the nomination.

Kansas City will get more than its costs to rebuild Convention Hall in time for the Democratic convention through the wide advertisement of the pluck and energy of its citizens.

That Porto Rico bill provides places in the civil government of that Island which may be filled by political carpetbaggers. Perhaps that is why some of the Republicans like it so much.

The Democrats of this county held their primary or beat meeting last Saturday, there was a small turnout all over the county, there being very little interest taken in the contest, it has been conceded all along that this county would instruct for Morgan.

The New York Herald is as a rule not good authority on politics, but it made a bull's eye when it asserted that the candidacy of Dewey was intended to serve the same purpose the Palmer-Buchner ticket did in 1896—a division of the Democratic vote and the election of McKinley.

If the Republicans were as sure as they pretend to be that the Constitution does not follow the flag they would not persist in throwing obstacles in the way of getting a test case before the supreme court. They are afraid to allow a decision to be made in advance of the Presidential election.

The Republican convention met in Calera on last Saturday and nominated a candidate for tax collector, John H. Robertson; Superintendent of Education, Eugene Williams; Commissioner Second District, Pleasant Shaw. We understand that the convention was harmonious, but we have been unable to get a full report of the meeting.

The administration denies knowledge of the news cabled from China that our minister is acting in concert with European ministers to bulldoze China into furnishing an excuse for the landing of European and American soldiers, which will be the first step toward gobbling up more Chinese territory, but the news is in keeping with the imperialistic programme of the McKinleyites.

The fund for the purchase of a house for Rear Admiral Schley is growing, although frowned upon by the Navy Department clique. Ex-Governor Carroll, of Maryland, voiced the sentiment of many of the contributors when he wrote, to the committee: "I have been anxious to see the effort to purchase a home for Admiral Schley a success, not only from my strong conviction of the gallant conduct of the Admiral himself, but also because I believe that he has been unfairly treated by the present officers of the Navy. I therefore enclose my check for \$100 and wish the committee the greatest success."

Primary Election.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Executive Committee of the Populist Party of Shelby county, a Primary election is hereby ordered and called for the 28th day of April, 1900, to select candidates for Representative in the lower House of the General Assembly of Alabama, Sheriff, Tax Assessor, Treasurer, Commissioner for First District, and two Justice of the Peace and one constable for each precinct in the county. Under the resolutions adopted by the Committee all Populists who have heretofore affiliated and supported the Populist ticket shall be allowed to vote, and elections shall only be held at the regular voting places in each beat. The Executive Committee of each beat are the managers, and they shall open the polls at 8 a. m. and keep the same open until 5 p. m., the votes shall then be counted and tally sheets signed and sealed up and delivered to one of the managers, and by him delivered to the Executive Committee, which is hereby called to meet in Columbiana on the 5th day of May for the purpose of canvassing the returns, and declaring the results and selecting delegates to the various conventions.

J. P. PEARSON,
Chairman.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee at its last meeting:

Resolved, 1. That the Executive Committee of each Beat shall hold a primary election at each voting place in Shelby county on the 28th of April by opening the polls at 8 a. m. and keeping them open until 5 p. m.

Resolved, 2. That any candidate shall have the right to name a manager to assist the Executive Committee in conducting the election.

Resolved, 3. That all said primary election all Populists who have heretofore affiliated and supported the Populist ticket, or who have arrived at the age of 21, or will do so before the August election shall be allowed to participate.

J. T. FINLEY, J. P. PEARSON,
Secretary. Chairman.

Strike of Operators.

The telegraph operators on the Southern Railroad made a strike for a raise in wages a few days ago, a great many of the operators are out, and the result of the strike, some of the trains on the road was delayed. The Southern Railroad is practically at a standstill on some of its divisions as to the movement of freight. All of the regular operators are out. The places of the striking operators are being filled by students from the so-called telegraph colleges, these new operators have not the experience at the desk of a train dispatcher.

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The Southern Railway announces reduced rates from points on its line for the following occasions: General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 17-25, 1900, tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, selling date May 15 to 17 inclusive, with final limit to return May 26th.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church Atlanta, Ga., May 17-26. Tickets will be sold on May 15, 16 and 17, limited to return May 29, at one fare for round trip.

General Assembly Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo., May 17-31. Tickets will be sold May 15, 16 and 17, with final limit to return June 23, at rate of one fare for round trip.

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Chaple Chat.

Health of the community not very good at the present.

Congregation at Chapel Sunday was very large and the young folks came out in their spring suits.

The farmers of our community are busy planting, and are about up with their work.

Mrs. Steward's family have all been sick for the last week, but are now better.

Coy Farr has been sick for the week, and his neighbors planted his cotton for him.

We learn that the Magnent ore banks have been opened up again, and we guess times will be booming now. J. H. Stone and E. K. Newman are general bosses, but it seems that miners are scarce for the bosses are doing all the work.

The young people had a nice time at J. H. Smith's Sunday evening.

J. C. Mooney and family visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

J. H. Smith returned home Wednesday from visiting his mother, who is on her bed of affliction.

LITTLE PAT.

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Pelham Snapshots.

Sweet summer's come again.

Well Forrest hasn't gone to Lexington yet. Says he's afraid Miss Ollie is not there.

We learn that Major is not rail-roading now, 'can't stay away from home.'

The many friends of Wm. Payne were made sad to hear of his death a few days since, "gone to reap his reward."

Hello! Doctor that will be a couple, won't it? Ida, you had better watch the Doctor.

W. A. Webb & Co., are doing a flourishing business. Mr. Webb wants another partner.

Constance has decided to locate at Woodward.

Pelham was visited by a heavy rain and hail Tuesday night, doing some damage to fruit and gardens.

Farmers of our community are progressing very slow.

Wheat and oats are looking fine, especially Ada.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on May 14, 1900, viz: Wm. I. Brasher, Homestead entry, No. 28317, for the southwest quarter of section 2, township 18 south of range 1 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. L. Vandiver, E. R. Isbell, J. L. Stout, John McMillin, all of Vandiver, Ala.

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Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

Ed. Walls was on the sick list last week.

J. R. Hill, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. C. W. O'Hara has been quite sick this week.

John C. Williams, of Shelby, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Tallant has been quite sick this week.

C. B. Duran spent Monday at Renfro on business.

Walter Lester, of Yellow Leaf, was in town last week.

Sam Farrington, of Selma, was in the city last Friday.

Sheriff Walthall made a business trip to Malory Tuesday.

George Mason and wife, visited Shelby Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Walls, of Shelby, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. M. E. Mason visited relatives at Childersburg this week.

Dr. E. B. Teague and son, of Fourmile, spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. M. E. Reynolds, of Bessemer, visited relatives here last week.

Go to the Moore corner
and get your groceries of
J. H. Hammond.

H. W. Parker, of Shelby Springs, was in the city a short while Monday.

J. W. Bolin and daughter, of Wilsonville, spent Friday in the city.

Mrs. H. C. Moss and children, of Calera, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. A. E. Burns and children, of Wilsonville, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Sadie Williams visited friends at Easonville a few days last week.

O. O. Bird and W. A. Parker spent Sunday evening with friends at Calera.

Duran & Co., are leaders in flour, hay, corn, oats, etc. Call and see them.

It is only a short time before the primary election will be held in this county.

I am still selling Tobacco with 100 spits or 52 slogs to the chew.

J. H. HAMMOND.

Mrs. Nannie Lane, of Sylacauga, visited the family of Rev. T. P. Roberts this week.

Dr. E. C. Parker and wife, of Shelby, spent a few hours here Sunday with relatives.

Easter Sunday was a pretty day and the young folks dawned out in their Easter garments.

W. D. Raley, A. D. Smith and James Carden, of Vincent, were in town Monday on business.

The April weather for the last few days has made our citizens feel like putting on lighter clothing.

Fresh Mince Meat at 5 cents a pound at

DURAN & CO.

Misses Sue McGehee and Edith Howard, of Calera, spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Blossom Densler, of Wilsonville, was the guest of Miss T. Hammond last Thursday evening.

I am selling Pratt's Food, a sure cure for all disease of Hogs, Horses and Cows.

J. H. HAMMOND.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, and preached two very interesting sermons.

The trees are budding out very rapidly and in the course of a few weeks they will have on their full coat of green.

A new walk has been made from the head on the Main street to the front of Mrs. Parker's residence in the past week.

If you owe THE ADVOCATE for subscription, please call in and settle up, as it takes money to run a newspaper.

Mrs. Mary Parker and Misses Edna Chapman and Nellie Parker spent last Thursday with relatives at Montevallo.

Those horrid fits of depression, melancholy, low spirits and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, is due to the blood being permeated with bile. Herbine will purify the blood, and restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

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F. M. McEwen, of Beat 9, was in the city Tuesday.

Judge B. L. Moore is having his dwelling repainted.

Rev. J. D. Martin, of Bessemer, was in town Tuesday.

J. R. Beavers spent a few days this week at Vincent.

J. E. Hendrick, of Renfro, was in the city Wednesday.

J. M. Fancher, of Montevallo, was in the city yesterday.

Richard Elliott, of Birmingham, visited relatives here last Friday.

Stark is selling out at cost. Go and see him before buying elsewhere.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner, of Childersburg, is visiting relatives in the city.

Quite a crowd of young people from Shelby were in the city Sunday evening.

W. A. Tallant has been laid up with the Lagrippe for the past week or so, but at present is improving.

Mrs. J. S. Thompson was called to Hartselle Monday to see her sister, Mrs. R. B. Cater, who is quite sick.

Jim Wilson, colored, was placed behind the bars on Monday, he is charge with having committed an outrage upon a little negro girl.

Lion and Princess Coffee at 8 pounds for \$1.00 at

DURAN & CO.

The musical given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Mason Tuesday night was enjoyed by those who had the pleasure of attending.

J. S. Thompson, who has been filling the office of city marshal for the past few months was re-elected Tuesday by the new council.

Last Saturday about 12 o'clock, Ann Norton, a colored woman, was suddenly stricken down on East College street with an attack of vertigo.

We don't claim to sell you goods below cost, but will sell them cheap enough and give you what you pay for.

DURAN & CO.

The newly elected City Council was sworn in Tuesday and will immediately take hold of the reins of the city government. We hope that they will see that the city laws are enforced.

Last Monday night about one o'clock while the night watchman was making his rounds, discovered the back door to Hall drug store open, which no doubt was left open by the proprietor.

Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's health. These sleepless nights and long hours of fretful vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms. Destroy and remove them with Whites Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

Elsewhere will be found the advertisement of the Montevallo Coal and Transportation Company, of Aldrich. Those who contemplate buying coal would do well to write to them for prices.

The road plow which was ordered some time ago, arrived last week, and will in a short time be seen at work on the roads of the county. The plow is to be used in grading the county roads. This plow will move in one day as much dirt as one hundred hands with shovels.

Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they cannot be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

The reports of thieves and burglars getting into the stores of the city during the past two weeks, upon being investigated by the proprietors, in one or two instances the supposed thief or burglar was found to be nothing more nor less than large Tom Cats on the inside of the store chasing the rats.

On last Friday evening the Pauline DuBose Missionary Society gave an Easter Egg hunt at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinnott on Main street. In the afternoon the Society had an egg hunt for the children and in the evening the hunt was for the young men and ladies. The entertainment was well attended by the young folks, and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves; the entertainment was a financial success.

A Card.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:

Please allow me space in your paper to answer a number of inquiries in reference to who can participate in the Populist primary election on the 28th of this month. I desire to state for the information of all concerned, that the Populist Executive Committee at its last meeting discussed the matter fully, and it was the sense of the Committee that only Populist who had voted and affiliated with the party should be allowed to vote.

Neither Democrats or Republicans will be allowed to vote in the primary, and it is the duty of the managers to see that no one be allowed to vote in said primary who is not qualified.

J. P. PEARSON, Chairman,
Ex. Com. People Party.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and now I sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praise throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Hall Drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Obituary.

On the night of the eighth, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. H. B. Nabors and carried the spirit of his lovely wife to her sweet home beyond. Mrs. Nabors leaves an aged mother, three sisters, two brothers and eleven children to mourn her loss. She also leaves many friends who will miss her sadly. She was a good, kind neighbor, a good wife and a good mother; she had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church for many years. The writer of this has enjoyed many conversations with her while she was in perfect health on the subject of religion. She always seemed loyal to her God and her church. It seems hard to give her up, but we know it is right, since God saw fit to take her to himself. Tears cannot bring her back, but thank the Lord we can go to her, so weep not dear husband, mother, brother, sister, children and friends, for she is not dead, but has fallen asleep in Jesus sweetest sleep from which none ever wake to weep a calm and undisturbed repose unbroken by the lost of foes.

A FRIEND.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at Hall Drug store.

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Three bottles of Snuff for 25 cents at

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Vincent.

Miss Minnie Kidd, assistant teacher at Wilsonville, visited homefolks Sunday, the Misses Weldon accompanied her.

Mr. Skelton, of Birmingham, visited our fair Rosebud Sunday.

Misses Driskell Vincent and Louie Phillips visited Sylacauga Saturday and Sunday last.

Rev. O. P. Bendly preached three splendid sermons Saturday and Sunday to large congregations.

Mrs. Eugene Williams has been quite ill the past week, but am glad to state is improving now.

Ben Davis' family are down with the measles, also Ed. Elliotts.

J. H. and Hosea Wilder are having a siege of the grip.

Miss Sadie Vincent's artistic taste and style in millinery was quite in evidence Sunday. The new hats and the bright faces and lovely flowers that decorated the church reminded one forcibly that it was "Easter."

J. F. McGraw and family and W. J. Florey and wife, of Harpersville, attended preaching here Sunday.

J. T. Roberts and wife chaperoned a crowd of children to an egg hunt at Mr. Carters Saturday. They reported a grand time.

Edgar P. Kidd will have the honor and distinction of being the first graduate of the Vincent High School.

A certain young man did get the rose; guess he found Moore's quotation suited to his feelings: "The rose distills a healing balm, The beating pulse of pain to calm."

We notice your correspondents frequently speak of their favorite candidates for the various offices. We are especially interested in our present tax assessor's re-election, J. S. Pitts of our town. I am told that his work is above criticism, that his books are models of neatness, accuracy and his record as assessor, (the honored position he now holds) is excellent, as good if not better than his predecessors. We learn that the State Examiner said he was as good as the State had, and we believe the voters on the 28th will remember and appreciate his services by re-electing him.

QUID NUNC.

Siluria Smiles.

Health of community very good at present.

W. H. Blanks made a flying trip to Birmingham Saturday evening. He reports a very delightful time with friends in the city.

J. M. Shoemaker made a business trip to Birmingham Saturday.

Hamp McBride, night operator for the L. & N. R. R. at Graces, was with friends and relatives here a few days last week.

Misses Pearl, Rosa and Ozella Nickerson spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Helena.

Miss Laura Butler, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this community, returned to her home at Dolomite Saturday, accompanied by her niece, Miss Belle Shoemaker. Miss Laura is a very charming young lady, and her many friends regretted to see her leave.

Miss Myrtle Payne, one of our most charming young ladies, visited friends near Montevallo Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Sam and Roscoe Payne were seen late Saturday afternoon going towards Cahaba River. We suppose they were "dear" hunting.

Tom Booth, of Cedar Grove, called on his best girl one day last week. Lookout Miss Pearl, or Miss M. will beat you.

Mr. Brand, candidate for Representative, passed through town Saturday. We believe Mr. Brand will carry beat 7 by a large majority in the primary the 28th inst., as there is only one man in the beat in favor of a stock law.

We are proud to say that Brant is improving somewhat, and we trust that the sudden attack of love-sickness caused by Miss Lillie's departure will not prove fatal. Brant says "surely the way of the transgressor is hard."

Sam Fulton, a member of the firm of Fulton Brothers of Blocton, is among friends and relatives here this week.

Walter Cost, of Elliottsville, was in Siluria a short while Sunday afternoon.

Remember the primary election on the 28th inst., and let every Pop take a day off and be on hand.

KID.

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Livery and Feed Stables.

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SPRING
1900.

In extending an invitation to the trade to inspect our Spring Stock, we take pleasure in announcing that we are prepared to offer without question the largest and most complete and most desirable assortment ever shown by a retail Dry Goods House and maintain our reputation for best quality AT LOWEST PRICES.

We were fore-handed enough to make large purchases before the abrupt advance, thus placing us in a position to favor you on goods necessary to your success in life.

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For the Spring of 1900. We are enabled to show the greatest line of wash fabrics ever shown in Columbiana. It comprises the latest and newest fabrics produced in foreign and domestic goods, and you will find a great many exclusive designs and fabrics not to be found elsewhere, we append a partial list of the favorites:

Sappho Dimity.....20
Daphne Dimity.....25
Venetian Stripes.....25
Satin Plaid figured Organdie.....25
Oudine Muslinet.....12 1/2
Kohinoor Lawns.....10
A. F. C. Madras in plaids.....12 1/2
French Madras.....10

Spring and Summer Dress Goods.

We have a beautiful line at prices that cannot be duplicated. Note a few specialties:

Hamilton Cashmere, double width, per yard.....15c
All Wool Cashmere, from 20 to 25
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Check Muslin, per yard.....5
Plain Lawn, per yard.....5
40-inch Plain Lawn, per yard.....10
Dimity Lawn from.....10 to 25
Pe-Kas from.....10 to 25

Creswell Dots.

Health of community good. Plenty of rain this week.

Farmers are getting behind with their farm work.

Brother Clifton preached a good sermon to a large congregation here Sunday.

J. P. Mason returned home from Brookside last week.

We have noticed that some cotton has been planted.

The singing at Mrs. Geo. Green last Sunday was a success, and we all thank Miss Hattie Green for her good music.

Bob Green was the guest of Miss Belle Coleman Sunday.

Say, Miss Lizzie, how about that April fool you got the other day? I think we will get some cake soon from the way Bob goes up to Kymulga. How about it Miss B?

Say Luda, you must not cross the creek at night, you might get drowned and then Miss Daisy would be left.

Old Grandma Butler, of Vincent, is visiting the family of B. H. Green this week.

Well, it is raining and we had better go to bed.

OLD CROW.

Campbranch Happenings.

Wesley Ozley was called to Montevallo Sunday to see his brother, James, who is very sick.

Miss Lula Payne is suffering from an attack of Lagrippe.

Our farmers have been making good use of the past few days of fair weather preparatory to planting.

Wm. Richards and wife, of near Siluria, visited relatives here Sunday.

We regret to state that Newton Foust has improved but very little since last week.

Ollie Seale had the misfortune on last Tuesday to get kicked by a mule, breaking two of his ribs.

BETTY.

For coughs and colds there is no medicine so effective as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It is the ideal remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

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You will find our line complete. Prices of Embroidery ranging from 5 cents a yard up. Embroidery and Lace Allovers for waists and fronts from 40 cents to \$1.50 per yard. Valenciense Lace from 2 cents a yard up. Silk Laces in all widths and colors.

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Everything is strictly up to date in style. Handsome Silk Bosom Shirts from.....60c to \$1.25
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Gen. Butler's Ready Wit.

I see that Watkins Grant of Boston, has lately been telling some stories about Gen. Butler. I have in mind several good ones which he didn't tell. Once when Gen. Butler was in congress he rose in his place and gently insinuated that the member who was occupying the floor was transgressing the limit of debate. "Why, general," said the member, in reproachful tones, "you divided your time with me." "I know I did," rejoined the grim old warrior, "but I did not divide eternally with you." But perhaps Butler's most savage retort was made in a political convention, in which a distinguished Unitarian divine, I think it was James Freeman Clarke, sat as a delegate. While the subject of candidates was being discussed this clergyman announced that if a certain nomination was made he would bolt it. "Very likely," Butler blurted out. "You are good at bolting; in your religion you bolt two-thirds of the Trinity." The convention broke into a roar of laughter in which the clergyman joined.—New York Mail and Express.

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FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Rats and Mice—Plowing Corn Land—Permanent Pastures—Two Ways to Raise Calves—To Grow Cucumbers Properly—Etc., Etc.,

Rats and Mice.

No decently fed horse or cow will eat food which the mice have worked in much. The odor which they leave behind them is enough to disgust them. This is one objection, and perhaps the only one, to the use of oat hay cut when the grain is in the milk. It is almost impossible in some barns to keep the mice from working in it, and while the amount they eat is considerable, the damage they do by causing the farm stock to reject it is tenfold greater. We do not know any way to keep them out if they are abundant on the premises, and those who have this pest will do well to try for hay that the mice are not so fond of. And they like millet almost as well as oats.

Plowing Corn Land.

Land for corn cannot be plowed too deep, provided the work is properly done, for the deeper the plowing the deeper the roots will penetrate, and the better will the plants resist drought. The feeding roots will penetrate the entire depth of the loosened soil. Shallow preparation encourages surface feeding roots, that are often torn by even shallow after-cultivation. Deep and thorough preparation and shallow cultivation is the process approved by all experimenters. The time for deep plowing differs with different soils. Soils that run together after heavy rains may be plowed late, while stiffer lands should be plowed early. It is not necessary that the soil be light and loose; the roots will penetrate a quite compact soil after it has once been torn up and settled again.

Permanent Pastures.

The easiest way that we know of to keep a permanent pasture in good condition is to stock it hard enough so that the grass will be eaten before it throws up a seed stock or becomes hard and woody, and then give extra feed at the barn so that the animals will return at least as much fertility to the soil as the grass takes from it. Of course manure or fertilizer may be carried out, and spread on the pasture, but that costs money, and many farmers are often at a loss to obtain fertilizing elements enough for their mowing lands and cultivated fields. If they buy feed to use in summer when cattle are in the pasture, they hope to and usually do get enough in the way of growth, fat or milk production to pay for it, and look upon the increased quantity and extra quality of the manure heap as an extra profit. In this matter of overstocking the pasture it is best done at two pastures, so that the animals can be changed from one to the other about once a week, or as often as the feed is eaten down smooth. This helps to prevent them from gnawing so closely as to destroy the roots, which they may do in some favorite spot if they are kept too long in one pasture.

Two Ways to Raise Calves.

There are evidently two ways to raise calves, and each has its followers. It must be understood that a calf is at birth endowed with great strength of constitution, and is, under almost any kind of treatment, ready to live. Whether life means healthy growth, depends on the kind and quality of food it receives. A course of semi-starvation may be prolonged until the calf develops a grass or hay-digesting stomach with sufficient capacity and power to assimilate vegetable food; in such event it lives a shrinking, bawling, stunted runt. Sufficient and proper nutrition, like whole milk, will support life and growth until the same stomach development is attained, and the result is a square-backed, growing youngster, a joy to the eye.

I have lived in a dairy district long enough to understand that there is a difference between raising a calf upon hay-tea and middlings and no milk after the first day, and raising another calf on a proper quantity of whole or separated milk. In the spring I can drive through the country and pick out the "hay-tea" calves by their constant and piteous bawling—nature's outcry against slow and cruel starvation.

I submit that a calf will do immeasurably better on such a ration than on those frequently proposed, made by hay tea, hot water and middlings, with no milk. I think you should come squarely out against these methods of raising calves by any other means than on appropriate and abundant food.—Emory A. Prior, in Country Gentleman.

To Grow Cucumbers Properly.

No one but the person who has gone out early in the morning and picked a nice fresh cucumber while the dew is on and eat it immediately can realize the full value of the cucumber as a table article. Every one, whether farmer or not, ought to have at least a small bed of them, and here is an excellent account of how to grow them, which is taken from the American Gardener.

Sow cucumbers in hills four feet apart each way, eight or ten seeds to the hill, and thin when they become strong to three or four plants. Take out the points of the shoots when the plant makes two or three leaves. The cucumber needs plenty of moisture and feeding; a few shovelfuls of rotten manure in each hill will help to supply this. To get the best returns they should be constantly looked after by thinning out the shoots where they are weak or too thick and stopping or taking the points out of the strong ones to encourage bearing. The fruit ought to be cut as soon as fit, and also all deformed or useless ones, as they are a drain upon the strength of the plants. In very dry weather they will require plenty of water to keep them growing and bearing, and are greatly benefited by a mulching of manure. If successful sowings are made on moist land where a partial shade can be had, from such things as corn, etc., they will give a nice succession to the early one planted in a more open place.

Points of Success in Fruit Culture.

There is a general consensus of opinion among good fruit growers that there is profit in the business if conducted properly, but not more than every other man really follows the business with a just conception of its needs. While local differences may make rules and advice concerning crops and methods of culture inapplicable for all sections, there is, nevertheless, certain advice that will be of service all over the country. To go into the points of success in detail it is necessary in the first place to give not only good tillage to the fruit trees and bushes during the growing season, but intelligent and methodical cultivation. Let the experience of one year teach something that will make the work of the next more satisfactory. Good cultivation means also good fertilization, which can best be done by planting forage crops in the late summer and covering them under in the spring. Such green crops help to keep the land warm in winter, and improve the mechanical conditions of it. Trees and tender vines and bushes need mulching in winter, and this should be done after some system that will make it simple but effective. A grower of large quantities of fruits must have work of this kind so systematized that it can be done with the regularity and swiftness of a machine.

When the growing season comes the orchard must be protected from the worms, blights, mildews and other pests. There is no half-hearted work that will do this, but every ounce of poison used in spraying should be for a purpose and intelligently applied. A good deal of money is wasted in spraying the same, as considerable is thrown away in applying fertilizers. If you do not know what the spraying is for it is better to leave it alone until you do. Study and observe the work of others. There is no question more important to fruit growers than that of thinning out the fruit. It is hard for some people to pull off fruit that might be sold at a profit. But the era of poor fruit has gone by forever, and to secure first-class fruits it is necessary to thin out many from every tree. By rigidly applying such a system one is bound to get fancy fruits that will command the highest market prices. These fancy fruits are the ones that make the profits in the best markets. If we spend as much time in raising fancy fruits as we do in cultivating inferior kinds we will surely find a way to make something more than a living. Fancy fruit packed and marketed properly will always find purchasers even when other fruit is a drug in the market. Sometimes it is necessary to find special markets for such products, but in the end our reward will more than repay for the energy given to the work.—C. L. Backus, in American Cultivator.

A Test Case.

I might mention the experience of a farmer who a few years ago entered a corn contest. The first thing he did was to buy the latest work on corn culture. One fact alone was worth all the study he gave; he learned that, contrary to the general impression, the roots of the corn plant grow to a great depth; that experiments in Wisconsin proved that when the corn plant is eighteen inches high its roots cross in the middle four to five inches apart; when the plant is tasseling the roots are three feet deep in the ground, and when the ear is ripe they have gone four feet and literally filled the soil from the surface to that depth. He learned enough to win a prize, and in consequence of that book his crops have steadily increased until in 1898 he gathered from one measured acre 163½ bushels (shelled grain), and his entire crop averaged 115 bushels to the acre. This result a few years ago would have been regarded impossible.

The same farmer gave his son, a 12-year-old boy, the turkey on his farm to raise on shares and furnished him the latest work on turkey-raising. The boy read the book, pursued intelligent and up-to-date methods, and raised about \$200 worth of turkeys; from one flock of 63 he raised 64. It pays to know how, and this is all that scientific means.—Atlanta Journal.

Gibraltar is a Fortified Place.

"There is no doubt that Gibraltar is, from the nature of its location, the strongest fortified spot on earth," said a recently returned tourist, "but the English officers who are on duty there seem impressed with the idea that there is some weak spot about the place, and that some American may discover it. They have some very nonsensical rules and regulations governing the fortification, and one of them is that no American can be admitted to the fortified places, though they are allowed to wander all around the outside as long as they care to."

"I don't think the combined guns of the rest of the world, all working together and for twelve hours each day, Sundays and public holidays included, for one year, could seriously interfere with Gibraltar beyond cutting off the mail communication. The walls are solid rock a quarter of a mile thick, and such a thing as doing any damage in a military sense would be simple nonsense. Gibraltar could resist any attack, and the conditions there are such that the attacking party would necessarily have to be exposed in making its attack. This exposure would have to be within range of the guns of the fort, even if they are fifty years out of date. Consequently they would be nearly as effective as modern guns, for with all that is claimed for modern warfare there probably never will be any fighting done when the opposing parties are out of sight of each other. While all this is admitted by military men of all countries, it seems funny that there should be anything of a secret or hidden character about Gibraltar that Americans should not be allowed to inspect as freely as the people of other countries are. England may be whipped some time in the history of the world, but the defeat will not take place at Gibraltar, I assure you."—Washington Star.

No woman can engage a servant without wondering why they call those places intelligence offices.

NEW MAJUBA HILL.

SPION KOP, WHERE BRITISH SUFFERED DEFEAT.

A Barren and Open Slope, the Ridges of Which Are So Steep That Conquest Is Almost Impossible—Center of a Group of Kops—Joubert and Jameson.

Spion Kop, the new Majuba Hill, where the British experienced the worst reverse of the present South African campaign, is a rugged mountain crest of about 4,600 feet elevation, and nearly fourteen miles south and a little west of Ladysmith. Gen. Buller described it as a "barren and open slope, the ridges so steep that guns cannot be placed upon them." It is one of innumerable kops or plateau peaks lying between the Tugela river and Ladysmith, and is as formidable a place of defense as the first eastern ridges of the Rocky mountains would be. Old Majuba Hill, where Sir George Colley fell before the Boers in 1881, is nearly 8,000 feet high, but Spion Kop is high enough to have served the purpose of the Boers well this time. Near it, crowned by Boer batteries, are half a dozen other kops, all higher than the one Gen. Warren scaled only to be defeated. Some of them are 4,700 feet in elevation, others 4,800 feet and 4,900 feet. Guns mounted upon them, properly depressed, would sweep Spion Kop so that nothing living could remain upon its summit. Between the kops are ragged ravines, affording fine retreats for Boer riflemen, and they would be hard to harass a retreating enemy. The rocks are rough, difficult to climb over and unprotected by tree or bush. From the Tugela river almost to Ladysmith is constant rise of land that blisters with heat by day and is dangerously chill by night.

An interesting story is told in connection with the capture of the Jameson raiding party by the Boers in 1896, and shows how near to summary punishment Dr. Jameson and his officers were at that time. A score of the leaders of the Boers had assembled to decide their fate. The majority favored the shooting of all concerned in the raid and, while President Kruger advocated mercy and used all his great power to make his counsel prevail, his efforts were of no avail. Finally Gen. Joubert, who sided with Oom Paul, got a hearing and, as a last effort, throwing argument aside, related the following parable: "Friends," he said, "suppose I have a farm, and my neighbor's dogs are always worrying and killing my sheep, what would you advise me to do? Shall I kill the dogs and stop the nuisance? If I do so, my neighbor may come to me and say, 'You have killed my dogs; they were of much greater value than your sheep, and you will have to pay for it!' Would I not be better advised to catch the dogs, to bring them to their master, and say: 'Your dogs are worrying and killing my sheep; take your dogs, punish them, and refund me for the loss I have suffered?' Nobody answered, and Gen. Joubert continued, "We have caught the dogs. Would it not be better to send them back to the English government for punishment and to claim damages instead of giving them a cause to demand reparation, and to send from their kennel other and maybe worse dogs to worry us?" The parable turned the scales.

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The codfish are feeding on the young lobsters to such an extent that it will not take long to exterminate them. Through the efforts of the United States fish commission codfish seems to have increased greatly in numbers. The fishermen around Block Island and Watch Hill say that cod are growing more plentiful every year, and they say further that when dressing codfish they frequently find young lobsters whole inside of the larger fish. Evidently young lobsters are becoming a delicate morsel for some of their companions of the sea.

FLOGGING IN BRITISH NAVY.

Still in Practice, as the Following Account Shows.

On Sept. 23 Thomas McGeehan, late second-class leading stoker of her majesty's ship Doris, was flogged at Simon's Town for the offense of malingering, says London Truth. The report of the circumstances, which appeared in the Western Morning News of Oct. 24, is not very lucid, but I gather from it that the malingering took place while the man was undergoing a sentence of imprisonment on the Penelope for striking a chief stoker. A "medical survey" was first held on the accused, which presumably resulted in a finding that he had been shamming sickness. On this a board of three officers sentenced the man to eighteen lashes. "After receiving eleven lashes," said the report, "the prisoner became insensible, and the medical officer present (the staff surgeon of the Monarch) stopped the cruel proceeding, and the wretched man was borne bleeding and senseless to his cell." There does not appear, therefore, to be any suggestion that he was malingering this time. The Western Morning News, in chronicling this incident, expresses the hope that it may lead to a renewed agitation for the abolition of flogging in the navy. I can hardly conceive it possible that any one possessed of ordinary human feeling will fail to join us in this hope. As to the desirability of corporal punishment, whether in the navy or elsewhere, for certain peculiarly brutal classes of crime, opinion may differ. But the idea of flogging a man senseless for such a trumpery offense as that of pretended sickness to evade prison discipline is revolting in the most elementary feelings of justice and humanity. The reader will note that this poor wretch was sentenced (by three officers commanding her majesty's ships, and with the approval of the commander-in-chief of the station) to receive eighteen lashes, and what that punishment would have meant, had it been carried out, may be judged from the fact that the man had become senseless from pain and a medical officer had to interfere before two-thirds of the sentence had been executed. Such a result, considered in conjunction with the paltry character of the "crime" for which this murderous penalty was imposed, should convince any one of the utter unfitness of many of our naval officers to be entrusted with such powers over their subordinates.

Chronic Tetter.

Dr. James C. Lewis, of Tip Top, Ky., writes: "I have an invalid friend with me from Florida, who has derived great benefit from the use of your Tetterine in Chronic Tetter. I wish you to send him a box to the above address. Money enclosed." 50c. box at drug stores, or by mail from J. T. Shuprine, Savannah, Ga.

Insects Committing Suicide.

It is stated that insects have been known deliberately to kill themselves under certain forms of torture or provocation. Experiments have been tried upon wasps, which are extremely sensitive to benzine and dislike the odor very much. A tumbler was sprinkled with benzine, then inverted over a wasp; which at once attacked a bit of paper that was under the glass. Finally the wasp appeared to become desperate. He threw himself on his back, bent himself together and drove his sting three times into his body, then he died. Repeated trials convinced the scientists that wasps would, under these circumstances, take their own lives, as several of them got out of their uncomfortable atmosphere in this way.

The process by which an English factory converts rancid butter, bought up at a low price, into fresh butter is stated to consist in working into a uniform semi-liquid mass with fresh buttermilk, then blowing through this a current of hot air, and afterward a current of cold air. The former expels the butyric acid to which the smell and taste of rancid butter are due, while any impurities present fall to the bottom. The cold air separates the butter into globules, when it is kneaded with water, salted, colored a little if necessary and is ready for sale as fresh butter.

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GREAT LOSS BY FLOODS

Devastation and Ruin of Crops in Mississippi and Louisiana.

THE LOSS AMOUNTS TO THREE MILLION

Many Farm Houses Swept Away by the Waters—Heavy Loss of Life Reported in Chunky River Swamp.

The flood situation in Mississippi and Louisiana remains gloomy; but little change in the conditions reported heretofore. Authentic reports regarding damage to crops in country districts adjacent to Vicksburg by the heavy rains of the early days of the week have just come to hand. From these reports the devastation and ruin is widespread, crops, especially corn, being nearly a total loss. Whole fields, recently plowed and seeded were swept clear by the mad rush of waters down the hillsides, even the loose top earth being carried away down to the hard strata below.

The flood has already caused, at a conservative estimate, fully \$3,000,000 loss in central and southern Mississippi, to say nothing of the damages by the railroads. The extent of the losses have not yet been fully realized, and it may be some days yet before an accurate total can be reached. In Louisiana, too, the damage done by the unprecedented rains was great, but in this state they are more inferential than positive. A special from Columbia, Miss., fixes the loss in that little town and its immediate vicinity at \$500,000.

Many farm houses were carried away by the mad waters, the occupants barely escaping with their lives and the number of cattle destroyed was great. A great many gins and mills were washed away, and many saw mills saw their lumber piles melted away as if by magic. Nearly every bridge around Columbia was swept down stream. Pearl river is now higher than it has been known for many years. Miles and miles of the New Orleans & North-eastern are still under water.

Honey Island, the rendezvous of the noted train robber, Burch, is under twenty feet of water, and the island, which has for years been one of the natural game preserves, is now devoid of wild animals.

Distressing news comes from Hickory, Miss., which is completely surrounded by water and inundated in many localities. Hundreds of hogs and cattle near this point were drowned, and miles of fencing and valuable timber washed away. The latest advices from the town of Enterprise state that the losses there have been great and much destitution prevails. Half a score of towns are completely cut off from the outside world as they have been since the early part of the week. From Chunky River swamps, near Enterprise, comes the news of a heavy loss of life.

Pascagoula Bridge Swept Away by Floods

Two spans of the big Louisville & Nashville bridge at West Pascagoula, Miss., were forced ten feet out of place Sunday morning by floating logs coming down the overflowed river. The passenger service is badly crippled, and passengers and mails are being transferred in boats. The freight traffic is entirely suspended.

Later advices from Pascagoula say one-half of the bridge is now gone and if the wind shifts the structure will be totally destroyed.

Naval Bill Passed.

The house at once entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill Saturday. Mr. Underwood made an explanation of his course, saying the minority felt it had not had a fair opportunity to debate the armor plate clause of the bill. Mr. Vandiver (Mo.) moved to recommit the bill. Mr. Foss made a point of order against the motion. The speaker sustained the point on the ground that the suggestion contained a proper point of order. The bill was then passed without division.

Burned by Incendiarism.

Simon's hotel at Abita Springs, La., was set on fire Sunday morning and burned to the ground. Loss \$20,000. The incendiaries were seen running from the building, but escaped. Threats of lynching are made if they are caught. This is the second hotel they have burned at Abita this year.

BLOODY WEEK IN THE PHILIPPINES

Insurgents Have Been Aggressive in Almost Every Province of Luzon.

Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first day's fighting around Manila. Authentic reports, mostly official, show a total of 378 Filipinos killed, twelve officers and 244 men captured and many more wounded. The number wounded is hardly guessable. The wounded entirely test the hospital capacity, and a great majority of them will die. Probably the week's work finished 1,000 insurgents. The American loss was nine killed and sixteen wounded. Two sergeants and one private were killed in ambush while escorting provision trains.

The insurgents have been aggressive in almost every province of Luzon. General Pio del Pilar's band, numbering 300, which was out of sight for three months, the leader being reported killed, has reappeared in its old field about San Miguel, consisting of three companies of the Thirty-fifth infantry, with a Gatling, a three hours fight during a night attack. The loss of the insurgents in this engagement is not included in the foregoing total, as they removed their dead and wounded, but presumably it was considerable.

CANAL BILL TO COME UP

In the House May 1, and It Will Be Passed.

The committee on interstate and foreign commerce Friday made an important change in the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill, striking out the provision for the "fortification," and thus providing what is expected to be a compromise which will aid in bringing the measure to an early consideration. The amendment was proposed by Representative Barham, of California. The chairman of the committee was instructed to offer the same upon consideration of the bill at the proper time as the committee amendment thereto.

Following the announcement of the changes in the bill, Mr. Hepburn stated that it had been definitely arranged that the house would take up the canal bill on May 1 and 2.

INVESTIGATION INCOMPLETE.

Indictment Against Taylor to Be Held Up for a Few Days.

While the Franklin, Ky., grand jury has not adjourned, it is understood that the investigation of the Goebel assassination has been completed. The indictment against republican Governor Taylor, charging him with being an accessory to the murder, will be held up until after the argument of the governorship contest case, which is docketed for hearing before the supreme court at Washington April 30, and it is said by persons in the councils of the prosecution that no such warrant will be issued, or other steps taken in the case until after that time. The rumor that Governor Beckham has been applied to for a requisition is without foundation.

STRIKERS STARVING.

Acute Destitution Reported From Chicago.

Starvation has become a factor in the building, at Chicago. President Carrol of the Building Trades council estimates that 10,000 workmen are in actual want, and that their families, 45,000 persons are now in the acute stage of suffering as a result of the strike. The labor leaders realize his condition and are making preparations for relief on a large scale.

KILLED WHITE MAN.

Negro Then Escaped the Posse and Committed Suicide.

A special from Minden, La., says: A telephone message from Allen-ton, near the Bossier line, gave this news of the killing of Mr. Will White by a negro. Mr. White had an occasion to reprimand the negro, and after working two hours, while Mr. White's back was turned to the negro, he deliberately shot him in the back, killing him instantly. Immediately the negro ran to his house, about a quarter of a mile distant, and before a posse could apprehend him he killed himself.

Shot Through the Heart.

George A. Raulston shot John H. Woods in the heart, instantly killing him, in Knoxville, Tenn. As strangers they met in a saloon and began a quarrel. On the street a few minutes later the difficulty culminated in Raulston shooting Woods twice, once in the heart. Raulston claims he did the act in self defense and has surrendered.

STATE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Current Events of Interest to the People of Alabama.

PLOW WORKS LOCATE IN BIRMINGHAM

Young Man Killed at Chapel Hill. First Shipment of Steel Wire Nails. A Court House to Be Completed. Big Damage Suit—Breivities.

Big Damage Suit.

J. M. Jackson, of Hockinford, Ohio, has instituted a damage suit in the circuit court of Calhoun county against the Southern Railway. Jackson asks \$50,000 damages for the loss of both feet, which he alleges was cut off by a Southern train.

Fire at Elba.

Elba had a disastrous fire a few nights ago. About midnight flames were discovered in the new brick store occupied by A. R. Jones & Co. Three other buildings, two occupied by L. H. Morris & Son, merchants, and the third used as the postoffice were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known. The total loss will be \$7,000 or \$8,000.

Killed by Train.

James Kennedy, a miner of Wylam, was killed by a Birmingham Southern train at Ensley. The body of the maa was so horribly mutilated that it could not be identified until seen by his wife at the undertaker's shop. She identified it by the clothing and a mark on one arm. Kennedy appears to have been crossing the track near the steel plant in the dark when a train backed down on him.

Killing at Chapel Hill.

Two young men, Tokor Boazman and Walter Finney, engaged in a difficulty at Chapel Hill, seven miles north of Lafayette, and the former was shot by the latter in the stomach, inflicting a wound which caused death. Both young men were members of prominent families. No particulars as to cause can be ascertained.

Will Force the Dispensary Issue.

Dr. G. B. Crowe, state chairman of the populite party, stated a few days ago that his party would force the fight in the coming campaign for the dispensary. He stated that the populites would force the democrats to take one or the other side on this issue. He predicts a good attendance at the state convention of the party to be held in Birmingham on May 2.

First Shipment of Steel Wire Nails.

The first shipment of steel wire nails from the Alabama steel wire, rod and nail works at Ensley was made a few days ago when fifty-five kegs of steel wire nails were sent to the Mayberry Hardware Company, Birmingham, who will act as distributing agents. The entire plant will be in operation in a few weeks. Some days since the rod mill department went to work.

To Complete Lauderdale's Court House.

Eley & Smith, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were awarded the contract for the completion of the Lauderdale county court house, the price being \$23,000. The original contract called for \$27,845, and was held by Arthur Marshall, who jumped the job after spending some \$12,000 on it. He had drawn only \$9,800 from the county, leaving about \$18,500 still due on the original contract.

Plow Works Locate in Birmingham.

Another big industry has been secured for Birmingham. The new company, which will have a capital stock of \$300,000, and will employ 250 men, will manufacture plows, and goes to Birmingham without asking for a single dollar of local capital or for a bonus, having been attracted by the natural advantages offered by the district to plants of that kind. The plant will be located just below the rolling mill, and will be moved from Columbus, Ga., where it has been in successful operation for several years. The deal has been closed, and according to the present plans the plant will occupy ten acres.

Killed His Wife.

News of a tragedy near Clifton was received in Eufula Sunday. W. H. Slanson and his wife became involved in a difficulty and the latter drew a revolver and fired three times at her husband. Slanson thereupon seized a club and dealt his wife a blow, killing her instantly. It cannot be learned whether Slanson received any wounds or not. The cause of the difficulty is not known.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Colonel Samford is Leading in the Race for Governor.

County conventions were held throughout the state Saturday and all doubt as to the way many delegations would vote has been dispelled. Reports would indicate that the estimates as to Colonel Samford's strength have been verified and many of his friends predict his nomination on the first ballot, though the Shelley and Waller forces are prepared to make a hard fight.

From the returns received it appears that Colonel Samford has received instructions in twenty-nine counties with total of 142 delegates; Mr. Waller five counties with 66 delegates; General Shelley four counties with 57 delegates and Mr. Stallings seven counties with 41 delegates. Fourteen counties with a total of 108 delegates, report unstructured delegations. This leaves a total of ninety delegates yet to be heard from. These delegates are to come largely from West Alabama. It is in that section that the Southern Railway covers most of the territory and on account of the strike among the operators, it is impossible to get news from most of the points. Among the doubtful counties which acted are Walker, Shelby, Lauderdale, Morgan and Monroe. All of these counties instructed their delegates to vote for William J. Samford, Blount county, which has also been in doubt, instructed for Stallings, with Samford second choice.

The official count caused Morgan county to break the record, and gave governor Johnston a majority of 44 votes over Senator Morgan. This is the only county which gave Johnston a majority in the recent primaries. The Bigbee on the Rampage. The Bigbee river is higher than ever known, or one foot and one-tenth above the high water mark, and is still rising. The northern part of Demopolis is under water. The Black Water company's sawmill and the Demopolis Coopers plant are submerged. The Southern railway has five miles of track overflowed, and the town is cut off from rail communication with the outside world. The farmers along the river say they cannot make more than half a crop, as the water will go down late and the cotton will come into the hot season without strength to meet the worms and the drought. Hardly any farming will be done before the middle of May.

After Wheeler's Seat.

Colonel Cutler Smith announces that he will be a candidate for congress to fill the place made vacant by General Wheeler. Colonel Smith says he will run as an independent republican. He is at present a candidate for the state senate on the same ticket but will withdraw from the race and go after higher honors. The largest single foreign shipment of cotton cloth ever made from the south was forwarded Saturday by the Dwight cotton mills of Alabama City. The shipment comprised seventeen car loads, and is destined for points in the Chinese empire.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

Dr. John A. McKinnon, of Selma, widely known in Alabama, lies at death's door from blood poison, the result of rheumatism. A new postoffice has been established in Tuskalooosa county known as Tierge, which is situated in the southern part of the county. Ed Clinard, of Birmingham, a shoemaker by profession, died from the effects of a dose of laudanum, which is supposed to have been taken with suicidal intent. The city of Anniston has property valued at \$3,771,678, \$2,556,490 being real estate, and \$1,215,258 personal. On this valuation there is to be collected \$21,858.39 of taxes. Rev. H. W. Browder, president of the Athens Female college in Athens, has tendered to the board of trustees his resignation as president, and after the close of this term he will return to Kentucky, from whence he came.

Canned Roast Beef to Be Used.

The War Department officials have been compelled to resort to the use of canned roast beef in the subsistence of the army in the Philippines. This is due to the fact that it is absolutely essential that the soldiers should be served with fresh meat because of the impossibility of providing refrigerated beef or cattle on the hoof under existing conditions.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

Mr. Allen's nomination as Governor of Porto Rico was confirmed by the Senate. In the Senate Mr. Hoar delivered an address against the retention of the Philippines. The House and Senate conferees agreed on the Hawaiian Government bill in form substantially as passed by the House. The Senate passed a bill granting to soldiers of the Mexican War in certain cases a pension of \$12 a month. The project for a Pan-American Congress in Mexico was successfully launched at a meeting of diplomats from South and Central American countries. The Secretary of War has informed Congress that the War Department will need \$15,000 more for armament for fortifications. Two gunboats and two unprotected cruisers will be placed out of commission by the Navy Department in order to provide officers for the newly built ships. The training ship Albatross has been ordered to continue her cruise through the Mediterranean Sea and the Suez Canal to Manila. La grippe is prevalent in Washington. Many deaths from the disease have been reported.

Our Adopted Islands.

Brigadier-General Schwan sailed from Manila for the United States to recuperate his health. Inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands have bought in the United States \$50,000 worth of automobiles. The census shows Cuba to have a population of 1,900,000. General Montenegro, one of the Philippine best fighters, has surrendered to Colonel Smith in the mountains near Camaling, Pangasinan province.

Names of a group needed in the public schools of the Island of Guam. The area of the Island of Guam is estimated at 150 square miles, about half of it susceptible of cultivation. Only about one per cent is now under cultivation. The customs receipts of Manila show an increase for 1899 of \$1,000,000 over the year preceding.

There were on April 1 last 63,535 American officers and men in the Philippines. The only industry of consequence in the Island of Guam is the production and exportation of copra from the coconut. There is little waste and wages are very low. There are about 110,000 people in Hawaii. The majority of these are Asiatics. The Japanese number about 24,000; the Chinese 21,000. Captain Tilly reported that the harbor at Pago Pago is much superior to that at Apia. In making the order for consolidation of the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio, Cuba, under General Lee and the relief of General Ludlow at Havana, the Secretary of War pays a warm tribute to General Ludlow's administration.

Domestic. Senator Chilton, of Texas, withdrew as a candidate to succeed himself in the United States Senate, leaving a clear field to Representative Bailey.

Martha Lynch, a clever thief, escaped from the jail at New Haven, Conn., by sawing the bars of his cell and substituting broom handles stained with illocrine.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$500,000 to the Carnegie Library and Institute of Pittsburgh, Penn., which, it is expected, will be made the largest structure of its kind in the world. Julius Cail, jealous of his wife, went to a brook near his home at Marietta, Ohio, and in six inches of water buried his face. He remained and was suffocated.

America's foreign trade for 1899 as shown by the report of the New York Chamber of Commerce showed an excess of exports over imports of \$465,800,255.

While ploughing in a field on his farm near Lafayette, Ky., Thomas Johnson ploughed up an old chest containing \$3700 in gold, mostly old English sovereigns.

Former President Charles H. Cole, of the Globe National Bank, pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling the bank's funds at Boston, Mass.

The Naval Academy cadets, who have been quarantined at Annapolis, Md., for weeks on account of measles, obtained their liberty.

Miss Mina Beale, a school teacher at Tyrer, Ind., committed suicide by pouring kerosene oil over her head and clothing and lighting fire to herself.

Samuel Channin, a builder of Chelsea, Mass., has failed, with liabilities of \$32,000, mostly secured. His assets amount to \$5800.

Senator Morgan swept Alabama in the electoral primaries, and his re-election to another term in the Senate now is assured.

Over 30,000 Finns, mostly Lutherans, who are dissatisfied with the Russian Government, are expected in the United States within the next three months. They will settle on a large tract of land in Central Wisconsin.

Typhoid is epidemic at Cape Nome, Alaska. There have been 300 cases and thirty deaths.

At Curruck Life Saving Station, Va., an unusually heavy bolt of lightning struck the public school building and instantly killed Thomas O'Neill, one of the pupils.

Over three inches of snow fell in Chicago the snow fall was general throughout the Mississippi Valley and the lake region. The engagement of Miss Alta Rockness, youngest daughter of John D. Rockefeller, to E. Parmelee Prentiss, of Chicago, was announced.

The Anglo-American Rapid Vehicle Company, capital \$700,000, divided into 700,000 shares of \$10 each, was incorporated at Dover, Del.

An experiment in altruism backed by capital to the amount of \$350,000 is to be made in New Jersey.

Mrs. Henrietta McKay Arms, a Southern woman who for years was the companion of Harriet Beecher Stowe, died near Hartford, Conn.

The Cape Cod Canal bill was killed in the Massachusetts Senate by a vote of 15 to 14, with five pairs.

Two brothers, Harvey and John Jackson, were convicted of burning a girl to death and the life imprisonment at Chesterfield, S. O.

Foreign.

A French fishing boat, and twenty-four persons on board were lost off Crookhaven, Ireland.

The bubonic plague has broken out in Persia, near the Turkish frontier; many deaths are reported.

The armor of Afghanistan has written a letter complaining of British inaction regarding Russian aggression.

The rebels in Colombia have been defeated in two battles, and the Department of Magdalena is reported pacified. The British War Office made public the report of General Roberts on the Spon Kop disaster, in which he severely censures General Buller, General Warren and others. The new French first-class cruiser Chatelet, named for her speed trial made twenty-five knots an hour. General Cronje and his wife and three members of the staff of the former Boer commander, were landed at St. Helena. General Sir George White, defender of Ladysmith, reached England and met with an enthusiastic public welcome at Southampton.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

Lord Roberts Severely Censures His Generals For Their Blundering.

FOREIGN RECRUITS FOR BOERS.

General Roberts's Criticism of the Spon Kop Engagement—Much Sickness in the British Camps—Great Britain's Sending of Prisoners to St. Helena Arouses the Boers—No Intervention.

LONDON (By Cable).—The Official Gazette contains General Buller's dispatch describing the events of January 17 and January 18. General Warren's report on the battle of Spon Kop and General Roberts's comments thereon. General Roberts severely criticizes General Buller, Major Thorneycroft and General Buller. His concluding words are: "Whatever faults General Warren may have committed the failure must be ascribed to the disinclination of the officer in supreme command to assert his authority and see that what he thought best was done, and also to the unwarrantable and needless assumption of responsibility by a subordinate officer."

The last words refer to Major Thorneycroft's order for the withdrawal of the British from Spon Kop. General Roberts adds: "The attempt to relieve Ladysmith devised in these dispatches was well devised. I agree with General Buller in thinking it ought to have succeeded. The failure was due in some measure to the difficulties of the ground, the commanding positions the enemy held, and probably also to errors of judgment and want of administrative capacity on the part of General Warren."

General Buller says he thinks Major Thorneycroft exercised wise discretion, and

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Mr. Hackett has accepted the appointment with the understanding that his term will expire on March 4, 1901. He has declared that he could not afford to give any more time to public business, as he has considerable private work to look after, which would have to be sacrificed by a longer continuance in the Government service.

THE DUKE D'ARCOS INCIDENT. No Instructions to Minister Storer to Express Regret to Spain. WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The State Department disclaimed any official



GENERAL LOUIS BOTHA. (New commander-in-chief of the Transvaal forces who planned the successful guerrilla warfare in the Orange Free State which prevented the advance of the British.)

since the preparations for the second day's advance had not been organized during the day or commenced at nightfall.

The papers commented earnestly upon Lord Roberts's censure of General Buller and Warren. They asked if more errors are not likely to occur, together with fruitless waste of life, in the event that men who have been declared incompetent by their superior continue to command 40,000 troops. It is now generally accepted that the Government had a purpose in the publication of Lord Roberts's dispatch.

Heavy rains have impeded the movements of the British columns. Large quantities of stores have been moved southward from Bloemfontein, which is a reversal of the course of freight for the last six weeks. The shipments were made necessary by the operations in the southeast of the Free State.

There are over 2000 sick in the field hospitals, most of the cases being of dysentery and enteric fever.

According to Boer reports there is a steady flow of foreign volunteers to the Transvaal. Hitherto these volunteers have been attached to the various commandos. Now, it is said, they are to be formed into a special regiment, with colonial officers, and there is a rumor that the command will be given to a distinguished French soldier, lately retired, who is now in the Transvaal, and is nearing the end of his journey thither.

NEWS FROM THE BOER CAPITAL.

Offer of the Transvaal to Loan Portugal Five Millions Was Declined.

PRETORIA, via Lorenzo Marques (By Cable).—As soon as the Boer award in the Delagoa Bay Railroad arbitration was published, the Transvaal Government offered to lend Portugal the amount she was condemned to pay (\$5,000,000), which, however, was courteously declined, the statement being made that the money was already provided.

The Government is receiving many memorials from burghers and subject of sending the Boer prisoners to St. Helena, and will formally protest to Great Britain on the subject.

LAST DITCH FOR BOERS.

Swaziland Said to Be Chosen For Retreat If Pretoria Falls.

LONDON (By Cable).—Mr. Prevost-Battersby wires to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein: "Observation might profitably be kept on the intentions of the Boers respecting Swaziland. The alternative plan of operations following on defeat at Pretoria includes the employment of Swaziland for the retirement of half of the Boer forces, while the other half falls back to Zoutpansberg."

"Boer emissaries are already in that country endeavoring to purchase secret information concerning the caverns in the graystone country, which are known only to the natives, with the object of accumulating provisions and ammunition."

No Chance For Intervention.

VIENNA, Austria (By Cable).—Deputy Pessier forwarded to Count Goluchowski, the Privy Councillor, the resolution adopted by the meeting at Linz in favor of intervention by the Powers between Great Britain and the South African republics. In reply Count Goluchowski said that in view of Great Britain's attitude he saw no chance for intervention.

China Will Protect Christians. The Chinese Government has issued an order for the protection of native Christians.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

President Nominates a New Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

GENERALS TO BE REWARDED.

Frank W. Hackett Appointed to Succeed Charles H. Allen in the Navy Department—Spanish Minister Satisfied With Chicago's Apology—Promotion For Generals Lee, Wheeler and Wilson.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The vacancy in the office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy caused by the appointment of Charles H. Allen as Civil Governor of Porto Rico was filled when the President sent to the Senate the nomination of Frank W. Hackett, formerly of Portsmouth, N. H., and for twenty-five years a resident of this city.

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knowledge of the reported action of Belmont Storer in expressing the regret of the United States Government to the Foreign Office in Madrid over the sending of an invitation by Mayor Harrison to the Duke d'Arcos, the Spanish Minister in Washington, to attend the Dewey reception in Chicago.

A published story that invitations to attend the Dewey celebration were not sent to any other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the understanding that an invitation was offered to the Spanish representative, is untrue. The Duke d'Arcos knows that some, if not all, of his colleagues in Washington received invitations, and expresses himself as perfectly satisfied with the explanation of Mayor Harrison that the invitations sent by mistake and that no insult was intended.

HONORS FOR THREE GENERALS.

President Plans to Retire Wheeler, Lee and Wilson as Regulars.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Representative Grosvenor of Ohio introduced a bill authorizing the President to appoint three volunteer officers as brigadier-generals with a view to their retirement. The bill is an Administration measure, having been presented by Mr. Grosvenor after conference with administration officials and at their request.

It is destined to benefit General Joseph Wheeler, General Fitzhugh Lee and General James H. Wilson, all of them volunteer officers who, by the terms of the bill, would go back to the regular service and subsequently retired.

MEDALS FOR NAVY MEN.

Will Commemorate Naval Engagements in Spanish War.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—In the Senate Mr. Hale reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs a joint resolution drawn originally by Mr. Mason (Ill.) authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to have struck bronze medals for distribution among certain officers and men of the North Atlantic Squadron, commemorating naval engagements between the forces of Spain and the United States in the battles off the West Indies and off the Cuban coast.

Six Months' Grace For Spaniards. WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations agreed to a favorable report on the convention between the United States and Spain extending for six months the time in which Spanish residents of the Philippine Islands can elect whether they will remain citizens of Spain or become citizens of the Philippines.

Aguinaldo Correspondence Sent to Senate. WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The President sent to the Senate several important Filipino documents, including a letter believed to be from Aguinaldo, urging the Spanish commander at Manila to join forces with him against the Americans.

WORLD-WIDE FARMERS' TRUST

Proposed That It Sell No Wheat Under \$1 a Bushel.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (Special).—"All the farmers in the world in a sort of international trust to resist the production of wheat and to raise prices," says the Journal is the plan which it is hoped to carry into effect at the International Agricultural Conference, at Paris, July 3-16.

It is proposed to ask the farmers of the world to reduce their output by twenty per cent, and not to sell for less than \$1 a bushel.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Senator of the Fifteenth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Shelby, Chilton and Elmore, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.
L. H. REYNOLDS.

FOR LEGISLATURE.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the lower House of the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Populist primary of Shelby county, Alabama, to be held April 28th, 1900. I shall make the race on the following platform, to-wit: I am for honest elections, I am an uncompromising middle of the road Populist. I favor honest co-operation with other parties. I am opposed specially to the stock law as enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am opposed to the road law enacted by the last legislature for Shelby county. I am in favor of a dispensary for all incorporated towns and cities, under the proper control of the county commissioners court. I am in favor of better public schools and longer terms in the country districts. I am in favor of low taxes. That only enough be levied to meet the requirements of the government, economically administered.
Respectfully,
B. W. BRAND.

We the undersigned hereby announce the candidacy of G. B. Deans for representative in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary, April 28, 1900:
J. T. Finley, beat 1 J. H. Mason, beat 1
A. F. Carden, " 8 T. B. Holcombe " 8
E. J. Gilbert, " 8 J. E. Blackberry " 9
J. T. Wilder, " 8 J. T. Wilder, " 8
J. L. Gardner " 8 L. W. Chesner " 8
W. J. Sewel " 11 W. M. Allen " 12
Sol Adams " 16 D. Spearman " 16
W. A. Stone " 9 W. B. Morgan " 1
We the undersigned hereby endorse the candidacy of Hon. G. B. Deans and ask him to make the race for representative.
Beat. Beat.
J. F. Hill, J. W. Spearman, 9
G. W. Lowery, F. M. McEwen, 9
J. S. Jackson, Farmer Bridges, 9
J. T. McEwen, J. E. Jackson, 9
M. M. Robertson, 10

FOR SHERIFF.
The Advocate is authorized to announce Henry W. Parker as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28th.
R. F. COX.

The friends of W. D. Lacey announce him as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TREASURER.
We are authorized to announce W. A. Tallant as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce L. J. Carden for Treasurer of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.
I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary election to be held on the 28th day of April, 1900.
JNO. S. PIRTS.

We are authorized to announce M. S. Wilson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
The Advocate is authorized to announce J. M. Crenshaw for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce L. R. Kendrick for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce H. L. D. Phillips for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce E. T. Brasher as a candidate for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the Peoples Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

Although the British have about 250,000 soldiers in South Africa, the cry is still "more men."

The trouble with McKinley's halo is that it doesn't fit and that is too evident that it is Hanna-made.

The primary election takes place in this county Saturday. Let every Pop turn out and vote in the primary.

If Dewey will agree to stand on the Kansas City platform, he may be available for second place on the Bryan ticket.

Mexico would better look out; an English syndicate has been making heavy investments in Mexican gold mines.

Of all existing public demoralizers the yellow journals are the worst, because they wear the cloak of patriotism and morality.

Democrats Meet.

The Democratic Convention met in the court house at this place on last Saturday at 12 o'clock, noon. The convention elected C. H. Florey permanent chairman and C. C. DuBose permanent secretary. A number of beats were not represented in the convention, and the only business transacted by the convention was the appointment of delegates to the State and Senatorial Convention. The convention liked a good deal of being harmonious, and there was a considerable wrangle over the motion to instruct the delegates for Col. Sanford for Governor. Montevallo and Calera beats made a vigorous kick, but they were forced to take the medicine. A resolution was passed ordering a primary election to nominate county officers, but no time was fixed. The party seems to be in a bad fix, over a third of the beats in the county were not represented.

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Peoples Party of Shelby county, I would ask that the managers of the primary election at each voting place in the county see that the poll lists and tally sheets be sent up with the returns properly signed as required by law.
J. P. PEARSON,
Chairman.

Cecil Rhodes is said to be a member of a syndicate which has invested heavily in Mexican mines. Cecil will do well to remember that Mexico isn't South Africa, and that his Transvaal tactics will not be tolerated on this continent.

Indications are that the administration is preparing to give the country a little dose of jingoism, in connection with the failure of the Sultan of Turkey to pay for some missionary property destroyed by Turks.

The explanations of the Porto Rico tariff, which neither explain nor excuse, sent out by the Republican National Committee indicates the uneasiness felt by Republicans as to the effect of that law on the voters.

Senator Clark says he will be a candidate before the people of Montana for re-election, if the Senate adopts the resolution declaring against his right to retain his seat. Mr. Clark has sand as well as money.

A member of the British royal family—the Duke of Teck—is charged with having shown cowardice in South Africa, and it is said that only his rank prevented his being court-martialed and shot.

Captain A. W. Bowie, one of Talladega's oldest citizens was killed Monday morning, at that place, by a freight train on the Southern Railroad. The accident occurred near the depot.

No man should be allowed to vote in the Kansas City Convention who will not pledge himself in advance to support the ticket nominated and the platform adopted by that convention.

And now they are charging Gov. Teddy with having one set of opinions for private expression and another set for publication; also with having wished to surrender at Santiago.

Tammany is willing to see Dr. Parkhurst devote his entire time to continuing the fight he has begun against the creed of the Presbyterian church, to which he belongs.

It is denied that Boss Hanna has the grippe, but not that he has a grip on the lever that runs the machinery of the McKinley administration and the Republican party.

Congressman Wheeler, of Kentucky, talks at the rate of two hundred words a minute, when he gets started on a speech in the House, and he talks sense, too.

Scratch a Dewey man and you will find either a gold Democrat or an anti-McKinley Republican. Neither class are numerous enough to make a President.

Congressman Joseph Wheeler, of the Eight Alabama Congressional District sent in his resignation as a member of the fifty-six Congress.

The Ohio and New York legislatures helped the Democrats by their mistakes almost as much as the Republican Congress has done.

"Misery loves company." That's why Alger has been pitying "poor Dewey" and predicting a melancholy disappointment for him.

The Oil Trust.

The Standard Oil Company last week paid its regular quarterly dividend of three per cent. and an extra dividend of 17 per cent. amounting to \$20,000,000. Whether this is a bona fide transaction or not we do not know, have no means of knowing. Possibly it may be a scheme to appeal to the greed of some of the ignorant capitalists to exchange their sound dollars for Standard Oil watered stock. But it is not at all unlikely that the company has made a profit of \$20,000,000 in the last three months, as it has increased price of oil, the increase on gasoline being about 50 per cent. and on coal oil 20 per cent. and the prices of the other products of petroleum have no doubt no doubt been also raised. The methods of this great monopoly have been explained in the columns of this paper, and the testimony of its rivals or victims—George Rice and Mr. Lockwood before the congressional industrial commission is still fresh in the minds of our readers.

Yet many people believe this great monopoly is a blessing because of the cheapness of oil now compared with the price 30 or 40 years ago. The fact is coal oil was first obtained from candle-coal, was secured in small quantities only and its production was very expensive.

The writer, while visiting in Pennsylvania some years ago, was shown some old abandoned derricks, a little town of them as it were. It was explained to us that these derricks were once used in getting coal oil from candle-coal (hence the name "coal oil"), but that as soon as petroleum was discovered they were immediately abandoned as petroleum could be produced so cheaply the old coal oil works could not be run to pay expenses. The candle-oil sold, or at least retailed at about \$2.00 a gallon, but as soon as it was found that there in certain localities in Pennsylvania where by boring down some 1,500 or 2,000 feet the oil would either gush forth at the rate of many barrels a day, or could be cheaply pumped up, the price immediately fell. Not long after the discovery that there were great lakes of oil beneath the surface of the earth within easy, cheap reach by use of drill, Mr. Rockefeller appeared upon the scene, a comparatively poor man, with ingenuity—not greater than that possessed by many a common man, but with a scheme that would never be thought of by those of equal talent merely from the fact that their dispositions were along fairer lines. Mr. Rockefeller undertook without any great amount of money to corner and control the petroleum business. He succeeded and his plan was simply to arrange with the railroad officials—not with railroad owners, but with their managers, to haul oil for him cheaper than they would for any one else. So the man who had an oil well could get a little better price from Rockefeller than anyone else could pay and naturally sold to him. The other oil refineries—those that were buying oil from the owners of the wells were most all frozen out—they could not compete with Rockefeller who had lower freight rates than they could get.

Our understanding is that Rockefeller did not own a well up to some years ago—he simply bought the petroleum at the well. There promised to be an overproduction so the sinking of wells had to be discouraged. On our visit to Pennsylvania above referred to, we and the gentleman whom we were visiting, drove out to a new oil field, and on the way we passed through a small town where the smell of beer was strong. There were numerous red-nosed men loafing about the street, generally in close proximity to a saloon. Our companion explained that these men were oil well borers and were paid a dollar and a half a day by the Standard Oil Company NOT to bore wells. The location of this new oil field was not far from river transportation. A few of the independent oil refiners who consulted their pride perhaps more than their pockets, continued to try to fight the great octopus Mr. Rockefeller had built up and finally after much litigation and after having contended with physical resistance, landed oil on the Atlantic coast for 2 cents a gallon, by means of a pipe line, for export to Germany. (And we may here remark that these independent oil refineries got into Germany what they could not get in the United States, equal freight rates with the Standard Oil Company). So it has not been the so-called economy of the

trust that has brought down the price of coal oil from \$2.00 a gallon to its present price, but the discovery of great lakes of oil. But for the trust oil would have been much cheaper, probably five or six cents a gallon at retail, at points distant from the oil fields, and at the well almost for the asking.—Missouri World.

A Card.

To the Populist Party of Shelby County:
This being the last week of the campaign, I wish to express my gratitude to each and every voter who have so kindly treated me during my canvass over the county, and to your wives I most humbly make my obeisance. I call on each of you to witness that not one unkind word have I uttered against Mr. Deans who opposes me in the race for the legislature, nor any other candidate who is in the field.

In conclusion I wish to state that if I am defeated by Mr. Deans I shall be ready to take up the flag for the Populist Party of Shelby county and carry the same over every mountain and across every valley in Shelby county, and to victory's summit. Now I ask you to pay no attention to the political liar, but vote your own convictions.

Respectfully,
B. W. BRAND.

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Chaple Chat.

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C. S. Archer went to Wilsonville Thursday.

Misses Emma Stone and Bula Steward visited Miss Robertson at Wilsonville Thursday.

D. S. Wingard and family attended the burial of Mrs. Sullivan on Yellow Leaf Saturday.

J. Ray and wife, of Yellow Leaf, visited relatives in the community during the week.

B. E. Brown went dear hunting Sunday. How did you succeed?

J. D. Hughes and family visited J. C. Moore Saturday and Sunday. That's right J. D., make all the grub you can while the ground too wet to plow and you can't work.

J. B. Hawkins was the escort of Miss Mary Stinson Sunday.

Hugh Riley was the happy guest of Miss Lena Smith Sunday.

O. K. Curlee spent Sunday in our community.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

G. W. Nivans attended the speaking at Fourmile Saturday night.

Several of our young people attended the singing at Harmar Archer's Sunday evening.

Prof. E. R. Newman spent Sunday in our community with relatives and friends.

E. R., how are all by this time? We guess it is all right for you.
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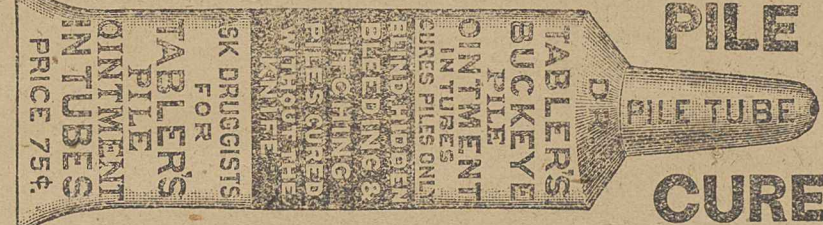
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I will be in Columbiana, THURSDAY, MAY 3. Fully prepared to do all kinds of dental work. BEST SET OF TEETH \$8.00.

Other Work in Proportion. All work fully guaranteed. As my time will be limited, parties desiring to have work done will please come in early. Respectfully,
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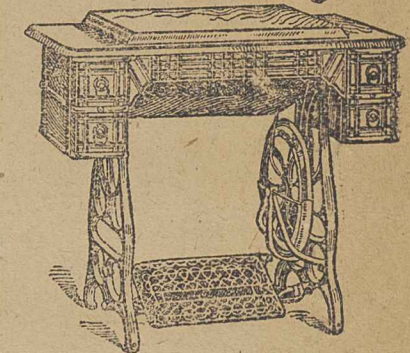
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

LAND OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY.

Montgomery, Ala., March 31, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Columbiana, Ala., on May 14, 1900, viz: Wm. I. Brasher, Homestead entry, No. 28817, for the southwest quarter of section 2, township 18 south of range 1 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. L. Vandiver, E. R. Isbell, J. L. Stout, John McMillan, all of Vandiver, Ala. ROBERT BARBER, Register.

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SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Parts.

W. J. Sewell, of Sterrett, was in town last week.

R. F. Johnson, of Highland, was in town Tuesday.

W. W. Walls, of Shelby, was in the city Monday.

Jim Lane, of Sylacauga, visited our city last week.

Mrs. L. C. Armstrong spent Tuesday at Shelby.

R. E. McEwen, of Beat 9, was in town last Saturday.

J. W. Millstead, of Sylacauga, was in town Monday.

James Evans, of Wilsonville, was in town Tuesday.

E. A. Turner, of Calais, spent last Saturday in town.

Prof. S. S. Crumpton, of Lewis, was in town last Friday.

Miss Mary Milner visited relatives at Leeds this week.

H. C. Reynolds, of Montevallo, was in town last Friday.

Jim Robertson visited relatives on Yellow Leaf this week.

D. R. McMillan spent a few days in Montgomery this week.

Judge A. P. Longshore spent yesterday in Montgomery.

Frank Nelson, Jr., of Anniston, was in the city last Friday.

The new road plow will be put together on the 2d of May.

J. R. Cargile, of Calera, spent a short while in town Saturday.

S. W. John, of Birmingham, was in town last week on business.

Henry Milner and son, visited relatives in Anniston last week.

W. P. Thomas, of Birmingham, visited relatives here this week.

Forest Oates, of Pellham, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

The north bound passenger train was over five hours late Tuesday.

J. F. McGraw, of Harpersville, was in the city Thursday on business.

J. P. Harrell, of Woodward, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Frank Jackson left Sunday for Anniston where he goes to accept a position.

Miss Sadie Williams returned yesterday from a visit to friends at Easonville.

The April showers this year were not the usual gentle rain fall, but were trash movers.

Miss Belle Huyett is assisting Mrs. Armstrong in the millinery business this week.

Charlie Smith and wife, of Bessemer spent a few days here this week with relatives.

M. G. Barnes, of Plantersville, has a position with Hall Drug Co., as prescription clerk.

Several residences of our city will be treated to a new coat of paint in the near future.

Ripe strawberries are enjoyed by a few of our citizens. Quite early for this section of the state.

Mrs. Rhodes, of Montgomery, visited her sister, Mrs. L. C. Armstrong, a few days last week.

Dr. B. H. Smothers and wife, of Weldon, was in the city a few hours Saturday with friends.

J. A. Upshaw and A. D. Turner, of Jackson's Gap, visited the family of H. M. Norris this week.

Mrs. J. S. Thompson returned Sunday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. B. Cater, who is improving.

Rev. T. K. Roberts and wife left last Thursday for Biloxi, Miss., where they will remain some time.

Dr. J. H. Williams attended the meeting of the State Medical Association in Montgomery last week.

The Methodist Quarterly Conference for this district will be held at Shelby next Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a crowd gathered in front of the Mercantile store last Thursday afternoon, the attraction was a new rubber tire buggy.

J. L. Peters, who has been confined to his room for several weeks past with a severe spell of the grip, is able to be out again.

One day last week while sitting in a chair at home near the Southern depot, Berta Robinson, a negro girl fell dead. An inquest was held and the cause of her death was attributed to heart trouble.

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AND GET YOUR MONEY BACK.
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SPRING 1900.

In extending an invitation to the trade to inspect our Spring Stock, we take pleasure in announcing that we are prepared to offer without question the largest and most complete and most desirable assortment ever shown by a retail Dry Goods House and maintain our reputation for best quality AT LOWEST PRICES.

We were fore-handed enough to make large purchases before the abrupt advance, thus placing us in a position to favor you on goods necessary to your success in life.

NEW WASH FABRICS.

For the Spring of 1900, we are enabled to show the greatest line of wash fabrics ever shown in Columbiana, it comprises the latest and newest fabrics produced, in foreign and domestic goods, and you will find a great many exclusive designs and fabrics not to be found elsewhere, we append a partial list of the favorites:

Sappho Dimity.....20
Depladee Dimity.....20
Venetian Stripes.....25
Satin Plaid figured Organdie.....25
Olive Muslinet.....12 1/2
Kollinor Lawns.....10
A. F. G. Madras in plaids.....12 1/2
French Madras.....10

Spring and Summer Dress Goods.

We have a beautiful line at prices that cannot be duplicated. Note a few specialties:
Hamilton Cashmere, double width, per yard.....15c
All Wool Cashmere, from.....20 to 25
All Wool Henrietta.....35 to 40
Silk Warp Henrietta, per yd.....30

SILK DEPARTMENT.

Fine, complete in every detail. Assortment larger than ever before, quality the best, prices the lowest, ranging from 35c to \$1.50 per yard.

White Goods Department.

Check Muslin, per yard.....5
Plain Lawn, per yard.....10
40-inch Plain Lawn, per yard.....10
Dimity Lawn, from.....10 to 25
Pe-Kas from.....10 to 25

Notion Department.

This department is complete in every respect. We are always in the front with the latest novelties.
Umbrellas. We have all the latest styles, prices ranging from 50c to \$3.00

Staple Dry Goods.

Percales from 7 to 12 1/2 cents a yard. Best quality prints 5 cents a yard. Yard wide Bleaching, in remnants from 2 to 10 yard in piece. 5 cents a yard. Lot of remnant Calicoes at 4 cents a yard. Yard wide Sating, in remnants 5 cents a yard. We still sell Aprons, gingham at 5 a yard.

Laces and Embroideries.

You will find our line complete. Prices of Embroidery ranging from 5 cents a yard up. Embroidery and Lace Allovers for waists and fronts from 40 cents to \$1.50 per yard. Valenciennes Lace from 2 cents a yard up. Silk Lace in all widths and colors.

Gents' Furnishings.

Everything is strictly up to date in style. Handsome Silk Bosom Shirts from.....60c to \$1.25
Necktie Shirts.....40c up
Working Shirts.....25c to 50
4-ply Lined Collars.....10c
Also a beautiful line of Neckwear at all prices.

CLOTHING.

There is no doubt that we are in the lead in this line, we can safely say we can save you money when you buy a suit from us, below we mention a few prices:
Mens' Black Clay worsted suits, worth \$7.00 our price.....\$5.00
Mens' Gray Cheviot Suits worth \$5.00 our price.....\$3.00
We also have a stock of stylish clothing in the newest outworn Sack Suits, which we offer at the popular price from \$7.00 to \$15.00. We also have a full line of Pants prices ranging from 65c to \$3.00.

HATS.

We have a full line and up to date line of Felt and Straws. In very latest novelties. See our line before you buy.

SHOES.

We have always made a success of this department, and to keep in the lead we bought all of our entire stock before the advance, it will be to your benefit to see them before you buy.

MILLINERY.

We are still selling Millinery. Our stock is complete, and will take great interest in showing you all the latest and newest styles and shapes in our Spring Line of Hats. Be sure to see our pretty hats before you buy.

WE ALSO CARRY A FULL LINE OF
Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Tinware and Furniture,
Which you can buy from us at a very low price. Don't forget that we still sell
8 LBS. OF ARBUCKLES, LYONS, CORDOVA COFFEES FOR \$1.00.
We also have the exclusive sale of the Florence Wagons.
Don't Forget that We give a Nice Piece of Toilet Chinaware to every Customer spending \$2.00 in Cash.
COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE CO.

Campbranch Happenings.

W. R. Hale, of Columbiana, visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. Nabors visited relatives at Parkwood and Birmingham the latter part of last week.

Mrs. F. Evans has been very sick for the past few days.

Miss Julia Garrett, of Columbiana, is on a visit to relatives in this community.

We regret to state that M. N. Foust is no better at present.

L. W. Patton and wife, of Oxmoor, visited relatives here last week.

Tom Wooten, of Spring Creek, attended services here Sunday.

The singing at Mr. Payne's Sunday evening was enjoyed by all who attended, and the young people appreciated the music rendered by the Misses Payne.

Frank Butler, of Ebenezer, was in our community Sunday.

W. E. Finley went to Saginaw Sunday evening flower hunting and had not returned at a late hour that night. We hope he did not get lost.

Mr. Editor, we wish to reply to the Siluria correspondent of last week, in regard to Brand's political strength in this beat, he says Brand has one supporter, we understand that Brand has two who says they are going to elect him anyway.

BETTY.

Many people suffer untold tortures from piles, because of the popular impression that they cannot be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure them. It has met with absolute success. Price 50 cts. in bottle, tubes 75 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

Big Snuff.

Three bottles of Snuff for 25 cents at

J. H. HAMMOND.

Mothers! Beware of those secret robbers of your baby's quiet health. These sleepless nights and long hours of tiresome vigil are caused by those terrible enemies of childhood—worms! Destroy and remove them with Whites Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

Stark is selling out at cost. Go and see him before buying elsewhere.

FOOTWEAR.

Amos Acker, of Bessemer, spent last Thursday in Coalville.

W. D. Lacey was in our midst last week canvassing for sheriff.

The choir met at Bro. Dykes on last Sunday evening and spent a very pleasant evening.

COALVILLE.

Health of this community is not very good at present.

The past week has been one of continual rain and the farmers are getting badly behind.

The Sunday school at Liberty is in a flourishing condition.

A Card.

Editor Advocate:

Please allow me space in your paper to correct some reports in circulation in this county in regard to my candidacy for sheriff. I understand that it has been reported that I worked two years ago against some of the nominees, and that I had agreed with one of the other candidates if he would work for my nomination that I would divide the fees of the office with him. These reports are false, and I challenge any man to prove the correctness of these reports.

W. D. LACEY.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and now I sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praise throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Hall Drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

On last Saturday evening just a little before sun down a young man and lady, W. T. Tracey and Miss Martin, from near Calera, drove up to the court house and inquired for the Probate Judge. The judge being out at the time, the news that a runaway couple were in waiting for the arrival of the judge, reached the ears of those on the streets. Upon the arrival of the judge the licenses were procured, and in the presence of some of our citizens Judge of Probate Longshore, in his dignified manner performed the ceremony.

The new mowing machine that is on exhibition on Main street was the cause of an accident one day last week. This machine has an attachment for sharpening of the blade of the mower, which is attached to one of the wheels of the mower. One of our young men while fooling with said machine accidentally cut himself with one of the teeth of the blade, which required the doctor to take several stitches.

I wish to call the attention of the public to a line of Parasols just received. Also Shirts and Shirt Waists, please give me a call when in need of anything in my line.

Mrs. L. C. ARMSTRONG.

Go to the Moore corner and get your groceries of J. H. HAMMOND.

We learn that Gordon DuBose is contemplating a trip to Lowell, Mass., in the interest of the Columbiana Manufacturing Company.

I am selling Pratt's Food, a sure cure for all disease of Hogs, Horses and Cows.

J. H. HAMMOND.

A party of young people of this city went to Shelby Tuesday night to witness a run of iron at the furnace.

Cuts, wounds, burns, sprains and bruises quickly heal if you apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale at Williams Bros.

I am still selling Tobacco with 100 spits or 52 slogs to the chew.

J. H. HAMMOND.

Miss Julia Garrett is visiting relatives at Longview this week.

Sam Lefkovits, of Bessemer, is in the city.

Even the most vigorous and hearty people have at times a feeling of weariness and lassitude. To dispel this feeling take Herbine; it will impart vigor and vitality. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

There was a candidate on almost every corner Wednesday.

100 Bushels Sherley Cotton Seed, at 40c a bushel at J. H. HAMMOND.

Those horrid fits of depressions, melancholy, low spirits and sudden irritability, that sometimes afflict even good-tempered people, is due to the blood being permeated with bile. Herbine will purify the blood, and restore health and cheerfulness. Price 50 cts. Sold by Williams Bros.

After a woman has tried to marry an old bachelor off to three girls and failed she makes up her mind that she must be leading a double life.

For coughs and colds there is no medicine so effective as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It is the ideal remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

J. R. White and C. C. DuBose are in Montgomery attending the Democratic convention.

The meeting Sunday afternoon of the Christian Endeavor was well attended, some interesting addresses were delivered.

B. W. Brand, candidate for the Legislature, addressed the citizens of this place on Monday night at the court house.

On last Sunday J. P. Harrell, of Woodward, and Mrs. Cordelia Jinks of Yellow Leaf, were married. E. W. Holland officiating.

Rev. F. A. Liles occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday, and Rev. J. E. Bird preached at the evening service.

Fresh vegetables will soon be on the market, as one of our near by gardeners brought in some very fine radishes on Monday.

Married—At the residence of Mr. K. H. Davis, on last Friday evening Mr. Joe Davis to Mrs. Julia Archer, Rev. I. J. Davis officiating.

The peach and plum crop will be a large one this year, provided that Jack Frost does not make his appearance again this month.

Last week there appeared in our city a new apparatus that attracted some curiosity among some of our citizens, it was a mower and hay rake.

The northbound passenger train of the Southern, was two hours and thirty minutes late Monday, on account of washouts during the high water.

J. S. Thompson, J. W. Harrell and family attended on last Sunday the marriage of J. P. Harrell of Woodward, to Mrs. Lee Jinks, of Wilsonville.

On and after April 30th the merchants of our city will close their stores every day during the week at 6:30 o'clock, except Saturday, until September 1st.

Monday night the elites of Columbiana assembled at the Pallas Royale of Mrs. Mary Parker and enjoyed themselves during the evening in songs and other plays.

Jim Sammons, who has been clerking for J. H. Hammond at this place for the past several months, has accepted a position at Wilsonville, and left Monday for his new berth.

The Shelby Sentinel has changed hands, N. A. Graham retiring from that paper. H. E. Whitaker will in the future take hold of the helm and steer that journal through the sea of its journalistic career.

Last Saturday was Democrat Day in Columbiana, it being the day set for their county convention, brought quite a crowd to town, but they did very little business, as a division in the delegation occurred.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Columbiana Manufacturing Company on the 10th day of May for the making of the brick for their factory. The Company reserves the right to reject all bids.

The small boys for the past two weeks have been searching every nook and corner of the city for all the small pieces of old discarded iron, and they have about succeeded in getting together nearly two car loads of scrap iron.

Now is the time to advertise. Sell out your old odds and ends and keep abreast with the times. The merchant who does not advertise keeps old stock on hand. If you want nice fresh stock do your trading with the merchant who advertises in the newspaper.

Mr. James Vest, who has been a candidate for sheriff of Shelby county, requests us to announce to his many friends in the county that he has withdrawn from the race, and returns thanks for the liberal support they would have given him in the primary.

Ollie Tinney, who is in the employ of W. A. Parker, at the lively stable, met with an accident last Saturday evening, while attending to some of the stock at the old stables at the residence of Mrs. Mary Parker, by one of the horses falling upon him, and fracturing the bone of his leg.

New York, April 23, 1900.
W. F. Thetford, Esq.,
Columbiana, Ala.

Dear Sir:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of the 16th inst. enclosing \$50 from the citizens of Columbiana, to be devoted to the relief of the famine stricken people of India. In behalf of these starving ones I thank you most sincerely for this generous contribution. May God bless each and every contributor to this fund, and reward them a hundred fold for all the good which the wise expenditure of this money will accomplish.

Very cordially yours,
THE CHRISTIAN HERALD.

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A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warm or climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

REMEMBER

That I carry a large and complete stock of

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES

Which I will sell cheaper than you will find elsewhere. So call on me at the Moore corner.

ours to serve,

J. H. HAMMOND.

Southern Baptist Convention, Hot Springs, Ark., May 10-17.

On account of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Hot Springs, Ark., May 10-17, 1900, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from points on its lines to Hot Springs, Ark., and return, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold May 7 to 10 inclusive, with limit to return until May 24, 1900.

The schedule and sleeping car service afforded by the Southern Railway, is excellent and those contemplating the trip, should communicate with nearest ticket agent for any information.

LOANS

I will undertake to negotiate loans in sums of \$500 to \$2000 on improved farm lands for three or five years. A number of farmers in Shelby and St. Clair counties for sale or rent, on most favorable terms. Apply to J. L. WATTHALL, At Court house in Columbiana

